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At a SESSION begun at TRENTON on the 28th Day of
October, 1783, and continued by Adjournments.

- BEING THE FIRST SITTING,

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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STATE of NEW-JERSEY.

T R E N T O N, Tuesday, October 28, 1783.

BEING the Time and Place appointed by Law for the first Meeting of the General Assembly, chosen at the late annual Elections, several Persons, returned as Members, attended, *videlicet*, *George Anderson, Samuel Tucker, Benjamin Van-Cleve, Jonathan Bowen* and *Aaron Hankinson*, Esquires; but, not being a Quorum, adjourned till To-morrow three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Wednesday, October 29, 1783.

The above-mentioned Persons returned as Members met, together with *Samuel Fitz-Randolph, Israel Shreve, Caleb Shreve, John Starke, Jonathan Dickinson, Ephraim Harris* and *Ephraim Loyd*, Esquires; but, not being a Quorum, adjourned till To-morrow three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Thursday, October, 30, 1783.

The above-mentioned Persons returned as Members met, together with *Henry Garritse, Daniel Marfb, Daniel Hendrickson* and *Peter Covenhoven*, Esquires; but, not being a Quorum, adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Friday, October 31, 1783.

The above-mentioned Persons returned as Members met, together with *Eward Bunn*, Esquire; but, not being a Quorum, adjourned to four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Four o'Clock, P. M.

The above-mentioned Persons returned as Members met, together with *Iaac Blanch*, *James Schuurman* and *William Maxwell*, Esquires; and, being a Quorum, they produced the respective Certificates of their Election, which were read, approved and ordered to be filed; whereupon *Benjamin Van-Cleve*, Esquire, was appointed, agreeably to the Constitution, to qualify *Ephraim Harris*, Esquire; who, being duly sworn, took his Seat; and the remaining Persons returned as Members, being qualified by the said *Ephraim Harris*, took their Seats in the House.

The House proceeded to the Election of a Speaker, when the Honourable *Ephraim Harris*, Esquire, was unanimously chosen, and placed in the Chair.

The House proceeded to the Election of a Clerk, when *Maskeil Erwing*, junior, was unanimously chosen.

Maskeil Erwing, junior, attended, and, being duly sworn, took his Place as Clerk in the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Blanch* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the House of Assembly have this Day proceeded to Business, and have chosen the Honourable *Ephraim Harris*, Esquire, their Speaker.

Resolved, That *Richard Norris* be Doorkeeper to the House during the present Sitting.

A Petition from 24 Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington*, praying, for certain Reasons therein set forth, that the late Election in said County, as far as it relates to the Appointment of a Councillor, and two of the Members, *videlicet*, *Israël Shreve* and *Caleb Shreve*, may be set aside, and a new Election ordered.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from 57 Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington*, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that the Members who are returned by the Judges and Inspectors of the late Election, may not be permitted to take their Seats, but that a new Election may be ordered.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from 14 Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington* was read, setting forth sundry illegal Proceedings at the late annual Election, and praying that the same may be enquired into, and if found true, that the said Election may be vacated.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, November 1, 1783.

The House met.

Cornelius Ten-Broeck, Esquire, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, he took his Seat.

Resolved, That the Doors of this House be kept open, and that the Inhabitants of the State be permitted to be present at the transacting the Business of the House, except on such particular Occasions as in the Opinion of the House shall require Secrecy.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Hendrickson* be a Committee to inspect the Journals, and report such Business as stands referred, or remains unfinished from the last Session.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. *Bunn* and Mr. *Tucker* be a Committee to examine the Laws, and report such as have expired or are near expiring.

The Petition from 24 Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington*, read Yesterday Afternoon, was read a second Time, and ordered to be filed.

The Petition from 57 Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington*, read Yesterday Afternoon, was read a second Time, together with the Petition from 14 Inhabitants of said County ; whereupon,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to appear before the House on *Tuesday* the eleventh Day of this Instant, at ten o'Clock in the Morning, with their Evidences to support the Facts set forth in their Petitions, and that they serve the Judges, and at least three of the Inspectors of the Election, with a Copy of this Order four Days previous thereto.

A Petition from 127 Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland* was read, setting forth the Abuses committed on the Lands belonging to the *West-Jersey* Society by *Joseph Reed*, Esquire, Agent, &c. and praying that the Legislature would take the same into Consideration ;

Ordered, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

The House adjourned till *Monday* Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, November 3, 1783.

The House met.

Thomas Henderson and *Ellis Cook*, Esquires, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificates of their Elections, which were read, approved and ordered to be filed ; whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, they took their Seats.

Mr. *Van-Cleve*, from the Committee appointed to inspect the Journals of the last Sitting, and report such Business as stands referred or remains unfinished, reported as follows, *viz.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for raising the Sum of Fifteen Thousand One Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds, to be applied towards sinking the Bills of Credit of this State.*

The several Petitions from the *West-Jersey* Proprietors, and also from the *East-Jersey* Proprietors, respecting the Line of Partition between *East* and *West-Jersey*.

The Bill, intituled, *A supplemental Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for taking Charge of and leasing the Real Estates of the Subjects of the King of Great-Britain lying within this State.*

The Bill, intituled, *A supplemental Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and to direct the Payment of the same.*

The Petitions from the different Counties of this State, praying that those Persons who have taken Refuge with the Enemy may not be permitted to return.

The Petition from the Township of *Acquackamunk*, in the County of *Essex*, praying that a Law may be passed to divide the said Township into two Precincts.

The Petition from the Grand Jury of *Burlington*, read on the 21st of May last.

The Petitions from the County of *Bergen*, praying that the forfeited Estates may be sold.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Practice of Physick and Surgery, within the State of New-Jersey.*

The Petitions from the Inhabitants of the County of *Essex*, complaining of the Conduct of the *British* Officers, and also praying that the Refugees may not be permitted to return.

Which

Which several Bills and Petitions were referred to the present Session.

BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE,
DANIEL HENDRICKSON.

A Petition from *Aaron Smith*, of the County of *Burlington*, was read, setting forth sundry Deficiencies in the Act, intituled, *An Act subjecting the Proprietary Rights and Shares of Propriety, late belonging to Elias Bland, deceased, to the Payment of Debts, and directing the Sheriff in his Proceedings therein*; and praying an Amendment to the said Act.

Ordered, That the same be committed to Messrs. *Henderfon* and *Schuurman*, and that they prepare and report the Draught of a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of the said Petitioner.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

John Combs and *Isaac Van-Campen*, Esquires, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificates of their Elections, which were read, approved and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, they took their Seats.

The Petition from the Grand Jury of *Burlington*, read on the 21st May last, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for raising the Sum of Fifteen Thousand One Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds, to be applied towards sinking the Bills of Credit of this State*, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *A supplemental Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for taking Charge of and leasing the Real Estates of the Subjects of the King of Great-Britain, lying within this State*, was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and to direct the Payment of the same*, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from the County of *Bergen* was read, praying that the forfeited Estates may be sold, and that Nothing may be done to favour the Disaffected, but what may be conformable to Justice and the Spirit of the Treaty, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to regulate the Practice of Physick and Surgery within the State of New-Jersey*, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Tuesday, November 4, 1783.

The House met.

On Motion,

Ordered, That Messrs. *Tucker*, *Covenhoven*, *Bunn*, *Cook* and *Maxwell*, or any three of them, be a Committee for the present Session to join a Committee of the Council on such publick Accounts as may be referred to them during the Sitting of the Legislature; that the said Committees settle and report all Accounts for the Payment of which, when settled, Provision is already made by Law, and that they deliver all others to the Committee of this House appointed to bring in a Bill for defraying incidental Charges; and that Mr. *Garritse* do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for that Purpose.

Ordered, That Messrs. *Van-Cleve*, *Marsh*, *Anderson*, *Schuurman* and *Hendrickson*, or any three of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council to settle the Accounts of the Treasurer, and that Mr. *Garritse* do wait on the Council,

cil, and request them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for that Purpose.

Ordered, That Messrs. *Combs* and *Starke* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to defray incidental Charges.

Ordered, That Messrs. *Henderson*, *Van-Cleave* and *Shreve*, be a Committee to inspect and correct the Minutes of the House.

Ordered, That Messrs. *Henderson*, *Shreve*, *Combs*, *Tucker*, *Blanch* and *Ten-Broeck*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, in the State of *New-Jersey*, and to repeal the several Acts now in Force for that Purpose.

A Petition from 97 Inhabitants of the County of *Morris* was read, praying that a Law may pass to make some Alteration in the Mode of Process for the Recovery of Debts, and that Power may be given to a single Magistrate with the Assistance of a Jury of 12 Men to try Causes to the Amount of *Thirty Pounds* and under.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time with the Petition from the Grand Jury of *Burlington*, read on the 21st May last.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Morris* was read, praying that the Legislature would remonstrate to Congress against the Commutation allowed the Officers of the Line of the Army, and to desire Congress to reconsider the same; and also that the Legislature would petition Congress to grant to the State of *New-Jersey*, a just Proportion of the western Territory, or what is commonly called the *Crown Lands*.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from the Heirs, Legatees and Executors, of the Last Will and Testament of *Gideon Hedges*, deceased, was read, praying that a Law may pass to establish and confirm the Devisees in the said Will mentioned, which was not executed according to Law.

Ordered, That the same be filed.

The House adjourned to four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland*, setting forth sundry Inconveniencies that they sustain from Foreigners fishing and oyster-ing in the River *Delaware* contiguous to the Shores, and praying that a Law may pass to prevent the said Practice, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *John Cox*, jun. of the County of *Burlington*, setting forth certain legal Deficiencies in a Title to Land, of which he is possessed, and praying that the Legislature will make up said Deficiencies by a Law, was read, and ordered to be filed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten o'Clock.

Wednesday, November 5, 1783.

The House met.

John Wither Spoon, Esquire, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, he took his Seat.

Mr. *Henderson*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, An Act subjecting the Proprietary Rights and Shares of Propriety, late belonging to Elias Bland, deceased, to the Payment of Debts, and directing the Sheriff in his Proceedings therein;*

therein; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Blanch* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House of *Friday* last.

Mr. *Garritse* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Hornblower*.

‘ Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Nov. 4, 1783.

‘ **T**HAT Mr. *Hornblower* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that a Quorum of the Council have this Day met, elected the Honourable *Philemon Dickinson*, Esquire, Vice-President, and proceeded to Business.’

Ordered, That Mr. *Combs* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that this House is ready to go into a Joint-Meeting for the Purpose of electing the Officers of the State, and request Council to appoint the Time and Place of Meeting.

A Petition from *Alexander Carmichael*, one of the Commissioners of forfeited Estates for the County of *Morris*, was read, setting forth sundry Difficulties to which he is exposed by the Settlement of his Accounts as Commissioner, &c. and praying for an Opportunity of stating the same before the House, that he may obtain Relief;

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to appear before the House at three o’Clock this Afternoon, and that the Auditor of Accounts be requested to attend at the same Time.

Mr. *Combs* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The several Petitions from the *West* and *East-Jersey* Proprietors respecting the Line of Partition between *East* and *West-Jersey* were read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Lawrence*.

‘ Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Nov. 5, 1783.

‘ **T**HAT Mr. *Lawrence* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them in answer to their Message of this Morning, that this House will be ready to go into a Joint-Meeting To-morrow Afternoon four o’Clock, at the House of Mr. *Witt*.’

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

Agreeably to the Order of this Morning, on the Petition of *Alexander Carmichael*, Esquire, he attending with the Auditor, and having represented to the House, and explained the Difficulties alluded to in his Petition; and the Auditor having been heard on the Occasion,

Resolved, That the House will go into a Re-Examination of the said Accounts; and,

Ordered, That Mr. *Carmichael* do lay a new Statement thereof before the House.

A Certificate of Half-Pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of *Middlesex*, in Favour of *Sarah Skinner*, Widow of Captain *Richard Skinner* who was killed while in the Service of the United States, was read and approved;

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said *Sarah Skinner* for the Sum of £. 7 10 0 per Month, from the 1st *July* 1779 to the 9th *September*, 1783.

A Certificate of Half-Pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of *Essex*, in Favour of *Sarah Marsh*, Widow of *William Marsh* who died while in the Service of the United States, was read; on the Question, Whether a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said *Sarah Marsh* for the Amount of her said Husband’s Half-Pay? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hendrickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dickerson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Covenhoven</i> ,
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Witherspoon</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Anderfon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,
Mr. <i>Randolph</i> ,	Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,
Mr. <i>Henderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .	Mr. <i>Cook</i> .

Ordered, That the same be filed.

A Certificate of Half-Pay, adjudged by the Court of General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of *Effex*, in Favour of *Sarah Rogers*, Widow of *James Rogers*, late an Ensign of Colonel *Elias Dayton*'s Regiment of this State, and who was killed while in the Service of the United States, was read and approved ;

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said *Sarah Rogers* for the Sum of *Ten Dollars* per Month, from the 24th *August*, 1780, during her Widowhood.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday, November 6, 1783.

The House met.

A Petition from the *Dutch Reformed Protestant Church* at *Hillsborough*, in the Township of *Hillsborough* and County of *Somerfet*, was read, praying that a Law may pass to confirm the Charter of Incorporation given to the said Society previous to the late Revolution.

Ordered, That Leave be given to the Petitioners to present a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

The Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, An Act subjecting the Proprietary Rights and Shares of Propriety, late belonging to Elias Bland, deceased, to the Payment of Debts, and directing the Sheriff in his Proceedings therein*, was read a second Time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to regulate the Practice of Physick and Surgery within the State of New-Jersey*, was read a second Time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, An Act subjecting Proprietary Rights and Shares of Propriety, late belonging to Elias Bland, deceased, to the Payment of Debts, and directing the Sheriff in his Proceedings therein*, was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas	Nay.
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> .
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Stark</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Witherspoon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dickerson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Randolph</i> ,	Mr. <i>Anderfon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Henderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Hendrickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .	
Mr. <i>Covenhoven</i> ,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Henderson* do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

Joshua Ewing, Esquire, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate
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of his Election, which was read, approved and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, he took his Seat.

A Petition from *John Brinley*, of the County of *Monmouth*, was read, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that a Law may pass to divorce him from his Wife; also a Petition from *James Warden*, of the County of *Burlington*, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that he may be divorced from his Wife; whereupon,

Ordered, That the same be committed to Messrs. *Witherspoon* and *Henderson*, and that they prepare and bring in a Bill to ascertain the Causes of Divorce, and to give Power to the Judges of the Supreme Court to grant Divorces.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Fell*.

Council-Chamber, November 6, 1783.

‘ THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of the 4th Instant, relative to appointing a Committee for settling the Treasurer’s Accounts,

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. *Hornblower* and Mr. *Carle* be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly for the Purpose mentioned in the said Message; and that Mr. *Fell* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.’

‘ THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of the 4th Instant, relative to appointing a Committee on publick Accounts;

‘ *Ordered*, That Mr. *Manning* and Mr. *Ogden* be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly for the Purpose mentioned in the said Message; and that Mr. *Fell* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.’

Ordered, That Mr. *Bunn* have Leave of Absence until *Monday* next.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting, and, being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Friday, November 7, 1783.

The House met.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland* was read, praying for a Law to alter the Mode of Proceedings in the Courts of Common-Pleas in this State;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time with the Petition from the Grand Jury of *Burlington*.

A Petition from the Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, and of the Grand Jury in and for the County of *Middlesex*, was read, praying that the Care of the Barracks at *New-Brunswick* may be committed to the Sheriff of said County; and that the said Sheriff may be appointed Barrack-Master to the same.

Ordered, That the same be committed to Mr. *Schuurman* and Mr. *Combs*, and that they prepare a Resolution to answer the Prayer of the said Petition.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to regulate the Practice of Physick and Surgery within the State of New-Jersey* was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Garritts</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Witherfohn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dickerson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> .
Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Randolph</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Henderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Anderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Hendrickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Covenhoven</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tenbroeck* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence.

Mr. *Henderson* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Tenbroeck* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, was read in the Words following :

‘ *Trenton*, 7th November, 1783.

‘ GENTLEMEN,

HEREWITH lay before the Honourable House the Papers which I have officially received since the last Session of the Legislature; a List of which is also herewith transmitted respecting Mr. *Morris*’s Nomination of *Benjamin Thompson*, Esquire, for Commissioner to settle the Accounts between the State of *New-Jersey* and the United States; and to settle and liquidate in Specie-Value all Certificates given by publick Officers to Individuals in the State, and other Claims by such Individuals against the United States, according to the Term and Effect of an Act of Congress of the 20th of *February*, 1780 (which said Nomination is marked No. 24.) I have it to observe to the Legislature, that solicitous as I was to have such Commissioner nominated by Mr. *Morris* as soon as possible, for which I can appeal to my having addressed him twice to that Purpose since the last Session of the Legislature; yet I thought it most prudent for the following Reasons not to confirm his Appointment when I received it, though Congress has vested the Executive as well as the Legislature of this State with that Authority :

‘ 1st. Because some considerable Time had elapsed between the Date of Mr. *Morris*’s Letter notifying to me the said Appointment, and my Receipt of that Letter, which brought it so near to the Meeting of the present Assembly, that, had I summoned a considerable Number of the Council whose Advice I should naturally have requested on a Subject of such Moment to the State, it would have saved so little Time as not to equal in my Judgment in publick Importance the deferring the Matter until the Meeting of the present Assembly.

‘ 2d. Because, being entirely unacquainted both with the Character and Abilities of the Gentleman nominated, I must totally have relied upon Mr. *Morris*’s Judgment, of which, though I entertain the highest Opinion, I could not think proper implicitly to rely upon in an official Character in which I must suppose it was expected that I should exercise my own. And,

‘ Lastly. Because I thought it would naturally give greater Satisfaction to the People to have the Nomination of so important an Officer approved of by their Representatives in Assembly, than by the Executive alone. Having therefore referred the Matter, for the Reasons assigned, to the Honourable House, and the Gentleman appointed by Mr. *Morris* having for some Time attended to know your Determination respecting him, I doubt not you will enter upon the Consideration of the Matter with all convenient Dispatch.

‘ WIL. LIVINGSTON.’

List of the Papers accompanying His Excellency's Message.

- No. 1. Copy of a Letter from Major-General *Heath* to His Excellency General *Washington*, without Date.
2. 6th *June*, 1783. Copy of a Letter from General *Washington* to Major-General *Heath*.
3. 7th *June*. Copy of another Letter from the same to the same on the Subject of the Army.
4. 7th *June*. Copy of a Letter from General *Washington* to President *Boudinot*.
5. 17 *June*. Resolve of Congress respecting the Report of the Committee, appointed to enquire into the Proceedings of the Office of Finance.
6. 18th *June*. Letter from General *Washington* accompanying a Pamphlet, entitled, *A Collection of Papers relative to the Half-pay, &c.*
7. The Pamphlet described in No. 6.
8. 19th *June*. Resolve of Congress on General *Washington's* Letter of the 7th *June*.
9. 20th *June*. Letter from President *Boudinot*, enclosing Copies of two Letters from the Commander in Chief, and of an Address to him from the Officers of the Northern Army.
10. 21st *June*. Letter from Mr. *Morris*, accompanying a Report of a Committee of Congress appointed to examine into the Conduct of his Office.
11. 21st *June*. Resolutions of Congress respecting the late Riot in *Philadelphia*.
12. 28th *June*. Proposals of the Commonwealth of *Virginia* to Congress for the Place of their permanent Residence.
13. 2d *July*. Resolution of Congress, declaring their Sense of the Citizens of *New-Jersey*, to the Federal Union, &c.
14. 3d *July*. Letter from President *Boudinot*, accompanying the above Resolution.
15. 11th *July*. Letter from the Financier, accompanying the State of the Publick Accounts.
16. The Financier's State of the publick Accounts, from the 1st of *January*, 1783, to the 30th of *June* following.
17. 15th *July*. Letter from President *Boudinot*, enclosing a Copy of the Proceedings of Congress, relative to their Removal from *Philadelphia* to *Princeton*, which are marked No. 11.
18. 22d *July*. Letter from President *Boudinot*, respecting the Propositions made by *Virginia*, for the permanent Residence of Congress in that State.
19. 28th *July*. Letter from Mr. *Morris* containing Observations on the publick Accounts.
20. 28th *July*. Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Morris* to the President of Congress.
21. 13th *August*. Letter from Governor *Guerard*, requesting a List of the Names of those Persons who have been prescribed or banished, from the State of *New-Jersey*.
22. 21st *August*. Resolution of Congress respecting the Restitution of the Papers, Records, &c. stipulated in the Treaty.
23. 3d *Sept*. Letter from the President of Congress, accompanying the above Resolutoin.
24. 16th *Sept*. Mr. *Morris's* Nomination of *Benjamin Thompson*, Esquire, as Commissioner for settling the Accounts between the United States and the State of *New-Jersey*.

25. List of Persons attainted, banished, &c. in the State of *Georgia*.
26. Governor Hall's Letter accompanying the said List.
27. An Address to the Governor, Council and Assembly, by *Casper Voght* and Company of *Hamburg*, respecting Trade, with a printed Specification of Goods, &c.
28. Exemplification of the preliminary Treaty with *Great-Britain*, and the Ratification thereof by Congress.
29. *Oct.* 29th. Letter from President *Boudinot* accompanying the said Exemplification.
30. Copy of a Letter from Governor *Livingston* to his Excellency the President of Congress, 24th *June*, 1783, referred to by the Resolution of Congress of 2d *July*, marked No. 13.

The Papers in the above List marked No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, were read, and ordered to be filed.

The Paper marked No. 7, was read, and ordered to be read a second Time, with the Petitions from the County of *Morris*, praying, that the Legislature would remonstrate to Congress against the Commutation granted by Congress to the Officers of the Army.

The Paper marked No. 19, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Paper marked No. 24, was read, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Anderson* have Leave of Absence until *Monday* next.

The House adjourned to four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

Ordered, That Messrs. *Maxwell*, *Anderson* and *Bowen*, be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill for the Support of Government.

The Paper marked No. 27, accompanying His Excellency's Message of this Morning, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Papers marked No. 25, 26, 28, 29 and 30, were severally read, and ordered to be filed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

Saturday, November 8, 1783.

The House met.

The Paper accompanying His Excellency's Message marked No. 24, containing the Appointment of *Benjamin Thompson*, Esquire, as Commissioner, &c. was read a second Time; whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do approve of the Nomination of *Benjamin Thompson*, Esquire, as a Commissioner to settle the Accounts between the State of *New-Jersey* and the United States, in the Room of Mr. *Pintard*, who has resigned.

Ordered, That Col. *Shreve* do wait on the Council, and request their Concurrence with the said Nomination.

Col. *Shreve* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Middlesex* was read, praying that the Courts of Justice may in future be held at *Pertb-Amboy* for the County of *Middlesex*, where there is a Court-House, Gaol and Office, all built but a few Years ago; and that the County may not be put to the Expence of erecting other Buildings for the Convenience of the Court.

Ordered, That the said Petition be filed.

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The Petitions from the different Counties of this State, praying that those Persons who have taken Refuge with the Enemy may not be permitted to return, was read; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Laws now in Force are sufficient to answer the Prayer of the Petitioners.

The Petition from 128 Inhabitants of the County of *Middlesex*, read on the 4th *June* last, was read; whereupon,

Ordered, That such Part thereof as relates to Lawyers not being permitted to practise Law again in this State, who, through Disaffection, has declined attending the Bar since the Revolution, be read a second Time with the Petition from the Grand Jury of *Burlington*; and that such Parts thereof as relates to prohibiting disaffected Persons from voting at Elections be committed to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to regulate Elections.

The Petitions from the Inhabitants of the County of *Essex*, complaining of the Conduct of the *British* Officers at *New-York* were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till *Monday* Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, November 10, 1783.

The House met.

Joseph Cooper, Esquire, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly qualified by the Speaker, he took his Seat in the House.

Mr. Van-Cleve returned and took his Seat.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Township of *Deptford*, in the County of *Gloucester* was read, praying that they may be exempt from paying any Part of the Damages which may be found by *Thomas Clifford* for his House, which was pulled down in the Town of *Woodbury*, in order to straighten the Road, &c.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time whenever *Thomas Clifford* shall lay an Estimate of the said Damages before this House.

The Petition from the Grand Jury of *Burlington*, read on the 21st *May* last, together with the several Petitions which were ordered to be read a second Time with the same, were severally read a second Time; whereupon,

Ordered, That the same be committed to Messrs. *Erwing*, *Cooper*, *Tucker* and *Marsh*, and that they prepare and bring in a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of the said Petitions.

The Speaker laid before the House a Message from His Excellency the Governor of this Day, accompanied with a Letter from the Paymaster-General of the Army of the 5th Instant, and two Papers marked No. 1 and No. 2 respecting the Stoppages in Favour of the State of *New-Jersey*; which Message, and the several Papers accompanying the same, were read and committed to Messrs. *Henderson*, *Van-Cleve* and *Starke*, and that they report their Opinion thereon to the House.

Mr. Bunn returned and took his Seat.

A Message from the Council by *Mr. Manning*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, 8th Nov. 1783.

‘ **T**HAT *Mr. Manning* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House concur in the Resolution of this Day, approving of the Nomination of *Benjamin Thompson*, Esquire, Commissioner to settle the Accounts between the State of *New-Jersey*, and the United States, in the Room of *Lewis Pintard*, Esquire, who has resigned.’

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The Bill, intituled, *An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and to direct the Payment of the same*, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Combs, Cook, Hendrickson and Loyd.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Speaker laid before the House a Message from His Excellency the Governor of this Day, enclosing a Letter from *Mark Bird* and *James Wilson* of the 8th Instant, containing Proposals to the Legislature for building a Bridge over the River *Delaware* at the Falls of *Trenton*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Memorial from *Joseph Bloomfield*, Esquire, Attorney-General of the State, was read, informing the Legislature that he had prosecuted the Bond given by Doctor *Samuel Bard* for £. 500, &c. agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature of *June* last; that a Tender had been made in Court to the full Amount of both Principal and Interest of said Bond in Notes given the Army for Depreciation; and praying the further Directions of the Legislature; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Attorney-General be directed to receive the said Notes as tendered in full Discharge of the said Bond, and when received, to deliver them to the Treasurer of the State.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cooper* do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

A Petition from *John Mercer*, late a Lieutenant in the first *Jersey* Regiment, was read, setting forth that he was left out of the Line with others, by an Arrangement in the Year 1778, while a Prisoner in *New-York*; that other Officers who were deranged at the same Time received one Year's Pay on being dismissed, and praying that he may receive the same.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from *Abraham Quackinbush*, of the County of *Bergen*, was read, setting forth that he had due to him from *Abraham C. Haring*, a Fugitive with the Enemy, whose Estate was forfeited to this State, the Sum of *Sixty Pounds*, and praying Payment from the State.

Ordered, That the same be committed to the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives, &c.*

Ordered, That Mr. *Witherspoon* have Leave of Absence until *Thursday* next.

Three Petitions from *John Schuurman*, Esquire, and others of the County of *Somerset* and *Middlesex*, setting forth that they had obtained Executions against the Estate both Real and Personal of *Philip French*, in the Mayor's Court of the City of *New-Brunswick*; that said Executions had been duly levied; that the Sheriff, without proceeding to the Sale, had joined the Enemy; that the Power of the said Court had ceased; and that they were left without any Mode of obtaining their Demands against the said Estate, without the Intervention of the Legislature; and praying that a Law may pass for their Relief.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill for their Relief, on advertising their Intention and the Purport of their Petition for at least one Week previous thereto in the *New-Jersey Journal*, and two Weeks previous thereto in the Vicinity of *New-Brunswick*.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, November 11, 1783.

The House met.

A Petition from sundry Owners and Possessors of Meadows lying on the south-
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westerly Side of *Raccoon Creek*, between Meadow of *Robert Brown*, Esquire, and fast Land of *Conrad Shoemaker*. in the Township of *Woolwich*, in the County of *Gloucester*, was read, praying that they may have Leave to present a Bill to oblige the Owners and Possessors of the said Meadows to pay their equal Proportion of the Monies necessary to keep up the Bank, Dam and other Waterworks;

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising their Intention and the Purport of this Petition for at least eight Days previous thereto in the said Township.

Mr. *Maxwell*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for Support of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, to commence the fourteenth Day of October, 1783, and to end the second Tuesday in October, 1784, inclusive*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

On Motion,

Ordered, That Messrs. *Combs*, *Starke* and *Dickerson*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to empower Magistrates to compel the Attendance of Witnesses from one County to another.

Mr. *Cooper* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Order of the Day being called for with Regard to the Hearing of the Petitioners from the County of *Burlington* against their annual Election, and none of the Petitioners appearing, nor any Cause shewn why they did not appear, the House having waited two Hours,

Ordered, That the said Business be dismissed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Martin*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Nov. 11, 1783.

THAT Mr. *Martin* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House do concur in the Resolution of this Day, directing the Attorney-General to receive Notes given the Army for Depreciation, in Discharge of Doctor *Samuel Bard's* Bond.

Agreeably to the Order of the 5th Instant Mr. *Carmichael* laid before the House a Statement of his Account as Commissioner of forfeited Estates of the County of *Morris*; and, after having been heard in Support thereof,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

A Petition from *Abraham Chapman*, late Collector of the Township of *Chesterfield*. in the County of *Burlington*, was read, setting forth, that in the Night of the 18th of *October*, 1781, six armed Men came to his House and robbed him by Force of Arms of the Sum of £. 328 4 4 in publick Certificates and State Money, and £. 24 7 6 in Specie, received by him in publick Taxes from the said Township; and praying that he may be heard before the House in order to support the Facts set forth in said Petition; whereupon,

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to appear before the House on *Tuesday* the 18th Instant at three o'Clock, *P. M.* with his Evidences to support the Facts set forth in his Petition, and that he be served with a Copy of this Order.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington* was read, setting forth sundry undue and illegal Proceedings at the late annual Election, and praying that the same may be enquired into, and if found true, that the said Election may be vacated, and that *Subpœnas* may issue for those Witnesses whose Names were annexed to the said Petition; whereupon,

Ordered, That the Parties be heard with their Witnesses on *Wednesday* the 19th Instant at ten o'Clock in the Forenoon; and that the Petitioners do serve the Judges and Inspectors of said Election with a Copy of this Order; and that the Clerk be directed to grant *Subpœnas* for the Evidences named in said Petition. A

A Petition from *Andrew Hamilton* and *William Hamilton*, of the County of *Philadelphia*, and Commonwealth of *Pennsylvania*, was read, setting forth that the Last Will and Testament of *James Hamilton*, late of the County of *Philadelphia*, deceased, had been in due Form of Law established in the State of *Pennsylvania*; that owing to the Difference between the Law of the said Commonwealth and the Law of the State of *New-Jersey* the Executor in the said Will named cannot fulfil the Intentions of the Testator with Regard to Real Estate lying in this State; and praying the Interposition of the Legislature;

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill to confirm the Last Will and Testament of the said *James Hamilton*, deceased.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, November 12, 1783.

The House met.

Mr. Henderson, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm and establish the Testament and Last Will of James Hamilton, late of Bush-Hill, in the County of Philadelphia, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Esquire, deceased*; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Edward Hall, Esquire, elected to represent the County of *Salem* in the Assembly, and *Matthew Whilden*, Esquire, elected to represent the County of *Cape-May*, having forwarded the Certificates of their Election, and declined accepting their Seats in the House;

Ordered, That the Speaker do issue an Order to the High-Sheriff of the County of *Salem*, as also to the High-Sheriff of the County of *Cape-May*, requiring them to hold an Election in their respective Counties, agreeably to Law, for the Choice of a Representative for each of said Counties in General Assembly, in the Room of the Persons before-named.

The Petitions from the County of *Bergen*, praying that the forfeited Estates may be sold, and that Nothing may be done to favour the disaffected but what may be conformable to Justice and the Spirit of the Treaty, were read a second Time; whereupon,

Ordered, That Messrs. *Henderson*, *Erwing* and *Maxwell*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to direct the Agents of forfeited Estates to dispose of said Estates.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm and establish the Testament and Last Will of James Hamilton, late of Bush-Hill, in the County of Philadelphia, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Esquire, deceased*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Certificate of Half-Pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter-Sessions, in and for the County of *Essex*, in Favour of *Ann Barber*, Widow of the late Lieut. Colonel *Francis Barber*, of the second *New-Jersey* Regiment, was read and approved;

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said *Ann Barber* for the Sum of *Thirty-seven Dollars and a Half* per Month, being the Amount of her late Husband's Half-Pay, from the eleventh Day of *February*, 1783, during her Widowhood.

A Complaint signed by twelve Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Somerset*, who were of the Grand Jury for the Body of the said County, at a Court of General-Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in the Term of *June* last, was read, setting forth that *Nicholas Dubois*, Esquire, then and now being one of the Justices assigned to keep the Peace of the State in and for said County, had suffered a most violent and outrageous Assault to be committed on the Body of *Abraham*

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Stryker by *William Gano*, in his Presence, and without commanding the Peace, or endeavouring as a Magistrate to preserve the same; that the said *Nicholas Dubois*, Esquire, did acquiesce in and approve of the Conduct of the said *William Gano*, whereby the said *Abraham Stryker* was assaulted and beat; that the said *Nicholas Dubois*, Esquire, had endeavoured to prevent *Henry V. Middlefworth*, Esquire, then and now a Justice of the Peace, for the said County, from taking Cognizance of the Offence, by writing to and requesting him the said *Henry*, not to proceed in the Prosecution, but to suffer him the said *Nicholas* to take Cognizance of the said Offence, as the same was committed in his Presence, but that the said *Nicholas* did not proceed to bring the Offender to Justice, and praying the Legislature to take such Measures as in their Wisdom may seem meet for supporting the Honour and Usefulness of the Magistracy, and preserving the Order and Dignity of the State; whereupon,

Ordered, That the said *Nicholas Dubois*, Esquire, do appear before this House, on *Friday* the 21st Day of this Instant, at three o'Clock in the Afternoon, to answer to the said Charges; and that *Henry Van Middlefworth*, Esquire, and *Nathaniel Bellard*, be cited to appear before this House on the said Day, to give Testimony relative to the said Complaints; and that a Copy of this Order, together with *Subpœnas*, from the Clerk of this House, for the said *Henry V. Middlefworth*, Esquire, and the said *Nathaniel Bellard*, be delivered to the Sheriff of the County of *Somerset*, who is hereby requested to serve the Copy of this Order on the said *Nicholas Dubois*, Esquire, and the *Subpœnas* on the said Witnesses.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

A Certificate of Half-Pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of *Essex*, in Favour of *Hannah Ball*, Widow of *Samuel Ball*, late a Soldier in Capt. *Isaac Gillam's* Company of Col. *Philip Van-Courtland's* Regiment of this State, and who was killed while in the Service of the United States, was read and approved;

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said *Hannah Ball*, for the Sum of *Twenty-five Shillings* per Month, being the Amount of her late Husband's Half-Pay, from the 7th Day of *June*, 1780, during her Widowhood.

Ordered, That Messrs. *Cooper*, *Starke* and Col. *Shreve*, be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill to prevent Suits being commenced for a limited Time against Officers and Soldiers who have served during the War, in the Line of this State, for Debts contracted previous to their entering into the said Service.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday, November 13, 1783.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm and establish the Testament and Last Will of James Hamilton, late of Bush-Hill, in the County of Philadelphia, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Esquire, deceased*, was read and compared. *Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Loyd* do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Henderson*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Loyd* reported, That he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition from fundry Persons, formerly Inhabitants of this State, but now of *Long-Island*, was read, setting forth, that at the Commencement of the present War, being unwilling to bear Arms against the *British* King, they were obliged to pay heavy Fines for Neglect of military Duty; that for Protection against the Government of this State, they were finally compelled to remove themselves and Families within the Enemy's Lines; and praying that they may be permitted to return;

Ordered, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition was presented from the County of *Suffex*, complaining of the Conduct of *Edward Dunlop*, Esquire, who was appointed Paymaster to the Militia of said County, and recommending *Joseph Gaston* as a fit Person for that Office; whereupon,

Resolved, That *Joseph Gaston*, of the County of *Suffex*, be, and he is hereby appointed Paymaster of the Militia of the said County of *Suffex*, in the Room of *Edward Dunlop*, heretofore appointed to pay the Militia of said County; and that the said Paymaster shall be vested with the same Powers, and entitled to the same Rewards, as the Paymaster heretofore appointed; and that the Auditor of Accounts be directed as soon as convenient to call on the said *Edward Dunlop* for the final Settlement of his Accounts as Paymaster of the Militia.

Ordered, That Mr. *Baker* do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Randolph* have Leave of Absence until *Thursday* next on special Business.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, November 14, 1783.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Tallman*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Nov. 11, 1783.

THAT Mr. *Tallman* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, An Act suppressing the Proprietary Rights and Shares of Propriety, late belonging to Elias Bland, deceased, to the Payment of Debts, and directing the Sheriff in his Proceedings therein*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. *Cooper*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of the Officers and Soldiers of the Jersey Line, who have served in the Continental Army, until the End of the War; and those Officers who were deranged in Consequence of the last Reform of the said Army*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *John Conway*, who was a Captain in the first Regiment of this State, in the Year 1775, was read, setting forth that there is a Balance of an Account due him from the Publick for Monies advanced on Account of Clothing, and praying Allowance therefor;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time when the Accounts of the said *John Conway* shall be reported to this House by the Auditor.

Theunis Dey, Esquire, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, he took his Seat.

A Petition from *William Manning* and *Ebenezer Ford*, late Commissioners of forfeited Estates for the County of *Middlesex*, setting forth fundry Difficulties they are involved in by receiving from a Soldier an Order for his Depreciation Note in Payment for Property by them sold;

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Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from *George Beatty* of *Trenton*, was read, setting forth sundry Difficulties attending a Purchase of confiscated Property by him made from the Commissioners of *Hunterdon County*;

Ordered, That the same be committed to the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives, &c.*

Mr. Henderson, from the Committee to whom were committed the Letter from the Paymaster-General of the Army, and the Papers accompanying the same, reported as follows :

‘ **T**HAT they find, on examining the Papers accompanying the Letter from the Paymaster-General, that there has been delivered to the two Regiments of this State, in the Service of the United States, Clothing and Stores in Bulk, amounting to £. 484 8 6, in such a Manner that no Distribution can be made thereof, or Individuals charged therewith ; also by the same Papers it appears that there has been delivered in Cash in Lieu of Clothing and in Clothing and State-Stores to the Amount of £ 121 16 6 to Individuals, that by the Information of the Paymaster were not in Service or paid by him.

‘ The Committee beg Leave to offer it as their Opinion, that the State-Clothier ought immediately to be called on to settle the Accounts of his Department.

‘ By Order of the Committee,

THO. HENDERSON.’

To which Report the House agreed. Whereupon,

Ordered, That *James M^cComb*, Esq. late Clothier to this State, be directed to settle the Accounts of the late Clothing Department with the Auditor of Accounts of this State, within ten Days from this Day for all Purchases, Receipts and Expenditures, made by or under him in said Department, to be by the said Auditor laid before the Legislature for final Allowance.

The House resumed the Consideration of *Mr. Carmichael's* Accounts as Commissioner of forfeited Estates for the County of *Morris*, and having gone through the same,

Resolved, That the House do allow to the said Commissioner the Sum of £. 64 6 10½, it being on Account of prompt Pay made by the said Commissioner to the Treasury of this State ; and that the Treasurer be directed to pay the same to the said Commissioner out of any unappropriated Monies in his Hands ; and the Receipt of the said Commissioner shall be a sufficient Voucher to the said Treasurer in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered, That *Mr. Tucker* do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Baker reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Tucker reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Representation from *John Schuurman*, Esquire, who was appointed by the late Joint-Meeting Treasurer to the State, was read, informing the House that he could not accept the Office of Treasurer if he was obliged to keep the Treasury in *Trenton*, but that he would accept said Office if the Treasury might be kept in the City of *New-Brunswick* ; whereupon the following Resolution was moved for :

Resolved, That the Treasury of this State may hereafter be kept at the City of *New-Brunswick* in Addition to the Places directed for the Treasury to be kept at by a Resolution of the Legislature, passed the 8th Day of *June*, 1779 ; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays;
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,
Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	Mr. <i>Henderfon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dickerfon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hendrickfon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i>	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,
Mr. <i>Randolph</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinfon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Anderfon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> .
Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .		
Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,			

Ordered, That Mr. *Cook* do carry to Council the above-said Resolution for Concurrence.

Mr. *Cook* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Clark*.

‘ *Ordered*, Council-Chamber, Nov. 13, 1783.

‘ **T**HAT Mr. *Clark* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm and establish the Testament and Last Will of James Hamilton, late of Bush-Hill, in the County of Philadelphia, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Esquire, deceased*, is passed by this House without Amendment.’

‘ Council-Chamber, Nov. 14, 1783:

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, appointing *Joseph Gaston* Paymaster of the Militia of the County of *Suffex*, in the Room of *Edward Dunlop* ;

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

The Paper accompanying His Excellency’s Message marked No. 27, containing an Address to the Governor, Council and Assembly, by *Casper Voght* and Company of *Hamburg*, respecting Trade, with a printed Specification of Goods, &c. were read a second Time ; whereupon,

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to furnish the Printer of the *New-Jersey Journal*, as also the Printer of the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, with a Copy thereof, and that they be requested to publish the same.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, to commence the 14th Day of October, 1783, and to end the second Tuesday in October, 1784, inclusive*, was read a second Time ; and, after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Marsh* have Leave of Absence until *Tuesday* next.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tucker* and Mr. *Schuurman* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to suspend the Operation of the Statute of Limitation.

A Petition from *Edmund Bainbridge* and *Stephen Jones* was read, setting forth that their Wives had Legacies left them by their Father *Guisbert Van-Mater*, deceased, payable by *Hendrick Van-Mater*, who has since joined the Enemy ; by which Means his Estate has become forfeited to this State ; and praying that the same may be discharged from the publick Treasury.

Ordered, That the same be committed to the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives, &c.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, to commence the 14th Day of October, 1783, and to end the second Tuesday in October, 1784, inclusive* ; on the Question, Whether *John C. Symmes*, Esquire, the Third Justice of the Supreme Court, be allowed at the Rate of £. 150 per Annum ? It was carried for £. 125, as follows ;

For

For £. 150
Mr. *Blanch*,
Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Garritse*,
Mr. *Henderson*,
Mr. *Hendrickson*,
Mr. *Bunn*,
Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Starke*,
Mr. *Van-Campen*.

For £. 125
Mr. *Combs*,
Mr. *Schuurman*,
Mr. *Randolph*,
Col. *Shreve*,
Mr. *Shreve*,
Mr. *Anderson*,
Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Loyd*,

For £. 125
Mr. *Baker*,
Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Dickerjon*,
Mr. *Bowen*,
Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Hankinson*,
Mr. *Maxwell*.

For £. 100
Mr. *Tenbroeck*,
Mr. *Tucker*.

On the Question, What each Person who shall represent this State in the Congress of the United States shall have per Day? It was carried for *Three Dollars*, as follows :

For 4 Dolls.

Mr. *Blanch*,
Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Combs*,
Mr. *Schuurman*,
Mr. *Henderson*,
Mr. *Hendrickson*,

For 4 Dolls.

Mr. *Tenbroeck*,
Col. *Shreve*,
Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Starke*,
Mr. *Maxwell*.

For 3 Dolls.

Mr. *Garritse*,
Mr. *Randolph*,
Mr. *Bunn*,
Mr. *Shreve*,
Mr. *Anderson*,
Mr. *Loyd*,
Mr. *Baker*,

For 3 Dolls.

Mr. *Tucker*,
Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Dickerjon*,
Mr. *Bowen*,
Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Van-Campen*,
Mr. *Hankinson*.

On the Question, What each of the Members of the Council shall have per Day, while they are attending in the Legislature? It was carried as follows :

For 10s.

Mr. *Blanch*,
Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Garritse*,
Mr. *Combs*,
Mr. *Henderson*,
Mr. *Hendrickson*,
Col. *Shreve*,
Mr. *Shreve*,

For 10s.

Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Loyd*,
Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Starke*,
Mr. *Van-Campen*,
Mr. *Hankinson*,
Mr. *Maxwell*.

For 9s.

Mr. *Anderson*.

For 8s.

Mr. *Schuurman*,
Mr. *Randolph*,
Mr. *Bunn*,
Mr. *Tenbroeck*,
Mr. *Baker*,
Mr. *Tucker*,
Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Dickerjon*,
Mr. *Bowen*,
Mr. *Ewing*.

On the Question, What each of the Members of the Assembly shall have per Day, while they are attending in the Legislature? It was carried as above for 10s. per Day.

The House having gone through the said Bill,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Carle*.

Council-Chamber, Nov. 14, 1783.

‘ THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to allowing the Treasury to be kept at *New-Brunswick*,

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do not concur therein.’

‘ THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to allowing Mr. *Carmichael*, Commissioner of forfeited Estates, £. 64 6 10½ on Account of prompt Pay, &c.

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

On Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Henderson* and Mr. *Cooper* be a Committee to bring forward a Bill to annex the Islands in the River *Delaware* to the Townships and Counties to which they lie nearest.

The House adjourned till *Monday* next at ten o’Clock, *A. M.*

Monday, November 17, 1783.

The Members in Town met; and, there not being a sufficient Number to proceed to Business, adjourned till three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

Mr. *Bunn*, from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws have expired or are near expiring, reported as follows:

‘ **T**HAT they have carefully examined the Laws, and do not find that there are any expired or near expiring.

‘ *EDWARD BUNN,*
‘ *SAMUEL TUCKER.*’

A Petition from *Nicholas Kip*, of the County of *Bergen*, was read, and ordered to be filed.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Suffex* was read, praying that a Sum of Money may be paid to *John Morris*, for his Services while a Soldier in Captain *Bonnel's* Company;

Ordered, That the same be filed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, November 18, 1783.

The House met.

A Petition from 116 Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland* was read, setting forth the many Advantages that would result to the said County by the Establishment of Fairs under certain Regulations, to be held in the Town of *Greenwich* in said County, where they used formerly to be held twice a Year;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

Mr. *Henderson*, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm to Rebecca Elliot, and her Heirs, a Tract of Land situate in the County of Monmouth*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Henderson*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to annex the several Islands, situate in the River Delaware, belonging to this State, to the respective Counties and Townships they lie nearest*, which was ordered a second Reading.

Abraham Clark, Esquire, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, he took his Seat.

Mr. *Witherspoon* and Mr. *Marsh* returned and took their Seats.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States*, was read a second Time; on the Question, Whether the third Section do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Witherspoon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,
Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,	Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Anderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> ,
Mr. <i>Henderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Hendrickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .
Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> .		

An Amendment was moved to the Provifo in the 13th Section to insert the following Words: *Nor to prevent the Sheriff or other Person conducting the Electi-*

on in the County of Morris, together with a Majority of the Inspectors of the Election, if it shall appear to them expedient, to adjourn the Poll from the Place where it is by Law directed to be held, to any other Place or Places in the said County where they shall judge it most for the Ease and Convenience of the People. Provided always, That the Poll shall be finally closed at Morris-Town, at the Place where the Election was first opened; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Blanch,	Col. Shreve,	Mr. Dey,	Mr. Van-Cleve,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Henderson,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Hendrickson,	Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Loyd,	Ab. Van-Campen.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Ewing,		
Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Witherspoon,	Mr. Maxwell.		

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from *Thomas Stevenson* was read, setting forth Difficulties he is put to in procuring Money by him lent to *John Mount*, whose Real Estate was mortgaged to him for the same, and which has been since forfeited to the Use of the State, and sold by the Commissioners of the County of *Monmouth*;

Ordered, That the same be committed to the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *An Act to ascertain the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives, &c.*

A Petition from *Joshua Winans*, of the County of *Essex*, respecting Monies due from an Estate which has been forfeited to the Use of this State, was read and committed as above.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day *Abraham Chapman*, late Collector of the Township of *Chesterfield*, in the County of *Burlington*, appeared before the House with his Witnesses to support the Robbery as set forth in his Petition; and the House having gone through the Examination of the said Witnesses,

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to present the Draught of a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, November 19, 1783.

The House met.

A Petition from sundry Persons, who, by a former Petition, had complained of illegal Conduct at the late annual Election in the County of *Burlington*, was read, praying that the Hearing ordered on the first said Petition, which was to be at ten o'Clock this Morning, may be put off to three o'Clock, P. M. whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Hearing be postponed accordingly.

A Petition from sundry Persons Owners and Persons of *Petty's Island* was read, praying that a Law may pass to enable the Owners to choose Managers with full Powers to embank the said Island, lay Sluices and to make Watercourses sufficient for the effectual Improvement of said Island, and to enable the Managers to defray the Expence thereof;

Ordered, That the said Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, they having advertised their Intention for some Time past in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Clark and Mr. Cooper be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill to repeal the Act, intituled, *An Act for granting an annual Salary to the Secretary of this State, in Lieu of his Fees on the Commissions of Justices, Coroners and Militia Officers.*

Mr. Schuurman, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the following Resolution:

Resolved,
 'THAT the Sheriff of the County of *Middlesex* be, and he is hereby appointed Commissioner for the Purpose of taking Charge of the Barracks at *New-Brunswick*, in the Room and Stead of *Joseph Vickers* appointed for that Purpose in and by a Resolution of the Legislature passed the 19th Day of *June*, 1783; and the said Sheriff of the County of *Middlesex* for the Time being shall be, and he hereby is authorized and directed to take the said Barracks into his Charge, and shall be subject to the same Directions and Regulations respecting the said Barracks as the said *Joseph Vickers* was in and by the said Resolution subjected to.'

To which the House agreed.

Ordered, That Mr. Bowen do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Bowen reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States*; and, after having gone through the same,

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Agreeably to the Order of this Morning the House went into the Examination of the Evidences offered in Support of the Charges exhibited of undue and illegal Proceedings had at the Election in and for the County of *Burlington*, and the Parties being present, the Petitions from said County were read; and, after having heard sundry Evidences thereon,

Ordered, That the Examination be postponed till To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Schuurman have Leave of Absence until *Tuesday* next.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday, November 20, 1783.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Evidences on the Hearing before them; and, after having gone through the same,

A Motion was made by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Hendrickson, that the following Question be taken: 'Whether the Testimony offered the House relative to any undue and illegal Proceedings committed at the late annual Election held in and for the County of *Burlington* is sufficient to vacate the said Election?' Which Question being put, it was carried in the Negative.

Mr. Tucker, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to give Relief against and suspend the Operation of the Statute commonly called the Statute of Limitation, made the twenty-first Year of the Reign of James the first, late King of England, and extended in this State while the same was a Colony*, which was read, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr.

Mr. *Clark*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for granting an annual Salary to the Secretary of this State, in Lieu of his Fees on the Commissions of Justices, Coroners and Militia Officers*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Bunn*, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm the Charter of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Hillborough, in the County of Somerset*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Representation from *Cornelius Haring*, Agent of forfeited Estates of the County of *Bergen*, was read and committed to the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to direct the Agents of forfeited Estates to dispose of the said Estates.

A Certificate of Half-Pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of *Essex*, in Favour of *Samuel Jones*, late a Sergeant in Captain *John Craig's* Company of the Troops of this State, and who was wounded while in the Service of the United States, was read and approved ;

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said *Samuel Jones* for the Sum of *Five Dollars* per Month, being the Amount of his Half-Pay from the 29th of *May*, 1782, for and during his Life.

Ordered, That Messrs. *Clark*, *Witherspoon* and *Henderson*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for raising a Revenue of £. 31,259 5 0 per Annum, for the Term of 25 Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the 18th Day of *April*, 1783, and for appropriating the same.

Ordered, That Messrs. *Dey*, *Marsh*, *Combs*, *Hendrickson*, *Bunn*, *Anderson*, *Cooper*, *Loyd*, *Baker*, *Tucker*, *Cook*, *Ewing* and *Maxwell*, be a Committee to settle what Proportion of Tax shall be quotaed on the several Counties in this State, and report to the House ; and also that they prepare the Draught of a Bill to raise a Sum of Money by Tax to answer the Exigencies of the State for the ensuing Year.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, to commence the fourteenth Day of October, 1783, and to end the second Tuesday in October, 1784, inclusive*, was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Henderson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dickerson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hendrickson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Anderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Witherspoon</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> .
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .	
Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van-Campen* do carry the said Bill to Council, for Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to annex the several Islands, situate in the River Delaware, belonging to this State, to the respective Counties and Townships they lie nearest*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Van-Campen* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

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The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, November 21, 1783.

The House met.

A Memorial from the Reverend *John Witherspoon*, as President of the College of *New-Jersey* and of the Board of Trustees of that Seminary, in his own Name and that of the Board, was presented and read, setting forth the great Damages the College has sustained during the War, not only by the Buildings being laid waste, and the Destruction of the Library and Apparatus, but by the almost total Annihilation of its Funds; and praying that the Legislature would take the same into Consideration, and grant such Countenance and Assistance to the said Seminary as should to them appear consistent; which was ordered a second Reading.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dey* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that this House is ready to go into a Joint-Meeting for the Purpose of electing a Treasurer for the State for the ensuing Year, in the Room of *John Schuurman*, Esquire, who has declined accepting said Office; and also such other Officers as may be necessary; and request that Council will appoint the Time and Place of Meeting.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm the Charter of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church at Hillsborough, in the Township of Hillsborough, in the County of Somerset*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Dey* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of the Officers and Soldiers of the Jersey Line, who have served in the Continental Army until the End of the War, and those Officers who were deranged in Consequence of the last Reform of the said Army*, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. *Van-Cleve*, *Anderfon* and *Marsh*.

Mr. *Shreve*, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to release Abraham Chapman from the Payment of a Sum of publick Money and Certificates taken by Robbers*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Letter from *Mark Bird* and *James Wilson*, containing Proposals to the Legislature for building a Bridge over the River *Delaware* at the Falls of *Trenton*, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. *Witherspoon*, *Cooper* and *Van-Campen*, and that they confer with the said *Mark Bird* and *James Wilson*, and report to this House their Proposals.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Fell*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Nov. 21, 1783.

THAT Mr. *Fell* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, in Answer to their Message of this Day by Mr. *Dey*, that Council will be ready to go into Joint-Meeting for the Election of Treasurer and other Officers on *Tuesday* next, at three o'Clock, *P. M.* at the House of Mr. *Witt*.'

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, the House went into the Hearing of the Evidences in Support of the Charges exhibited against *Nicholas Dubois*, Esquire; and, having gone through the same,

On the Question, Whether the Charges exhibited against the said *Nicholas Dubois*, Esquire, are supported? It was carried in the Negative, *Nem. Con.*

The House adjourned till *Monday* Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday,

Monday, November 24, 1783.

The House met.

Mr. *Henderson*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal the Act, intituled, An Act to suspend the Sales of Real Estates which have, or hereafter may, become forfeited to, and vested in this State; and also to direct the Agents in the respective Counties in this State to proceed to the Sales of said Estates*, which was ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from the Legatees and Devisees of *Samuel Purviance*, deceased, late of the County of *Salem*, was read, praying that the said Deceased's Last Will and Testament, with the Codicil thereunto annexed, may be established by Law, the said Will having been wrote by the said Deceased with his own Hand, but not executed in the Presence of three subscribing Witnesses; but which Will was proved before *Samuel Dick*, Esquire, Surrogate in the County of *Salem*, and duly recorded in the Prerogative-Office of this State.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

The Petition from the Inhabitants of the Township of *Acquackanunck*, in the County of *Effex*, was read, praying that a Law may be passed to divide the said Township into two Precincts;

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill, on advertizing their Intention and the Purport of their Petition for at least three Weeks previous thereto in the said Township.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to annex the several Islands, situate in the River Delaware, belonging to this State, to the respective Counties and Townships they lie nearest*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm the Charter of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Hillsborough, in the Township of Hillsborough, in the County of Somerset*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. *Marsh* do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

The Warrants entitling *Samuel Jones* to receive the Amount of his Half-Pay during his Life; and the Warrants entitling *Ann Barber*, *Sarah Rogers*, *Sarah Skinner* and *Hannah Ball*, respectively, to receive the Amount of their late Husbands Half-Pay during their Widowhood, were severally read and approved;

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said several Warrants.

Ordered, That Mr. *Marsh* do carry the said Warrants to Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for granting an annual Salary to the Secretary of this State, in Lieu of his Fees on the Commissions of Justices, Coroners and Militia Officers*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to release Abraham Chapman from the Payment of a Sum of publick Money and Certificates taken by Robbers* was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for granting an annual Salary to the Secretary of this State, in Lieu of his Fees on the Commissions*

Commissions of Justices, Coroners and Militia Officers, was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,
Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,	Mr. <i>Witherspoon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Randolph</i> ,
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dickerson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Anderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> ;
Mr. <i>Henderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> .	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .
Mr. <i>Hendrickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,		

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to release Abraham Chapman from the Payment of a Sum of publick Money and Certificates taken by Robbers* was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Bianch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Witherspoon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,
Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,	Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dickerson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Randolph</i> .
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Anderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Henderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Henarickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .	
Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills ;

Ordered, That Mr. *Marsh* do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Marsh* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Petition from 127 Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland*, which was read on the first Instant, was read a second Time, and ordered to be filed.

The Paper accompanying His Excellency's Message of the 7th Instant, marked No. 19, being a Letter from Mr. *Morris*, containing Observations on the publick Accounts, was read the second Time ; and it appearing that by a Law of this State, passed the ninth Day of *June* last, Provision is made for raising and paying into the Hands of the Receiver of Continental Taxes in this State the Sum of £. 15,155, on or before the first Day of *October* last, and the further Sum of £. 16,104 5, on or before the first Day of *January* next ; which Sums when received, as the same will be applied to the Uses mentioned in Mr. *Morris*'s Letter, it is hoped will fully answer his Expectations, and render any further Measures unnecessary at this Time.

The Petition from *William Manning* and *Ebenezer Ford*, read on the 14th Instant, was read a second Time, and ordered to be filed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, November 25, 1783.

The House met.

Mr. *Schuurman* returned and took his Seat.

Adam Boyd, Esquire, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved and ordered to be filed ; whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, he took his Seat.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for raising the Sum of Fifteen Thousand One Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds, to be applied towards sinking the Bills of Credit of this State*, was read a second Time ; whereupon a Motion was made that the said Bill be referred to the next Sitting ; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Hendrickson,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Dey,	Mr. Witherpoon,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Dickerson,	Mr. Boyd,	Col. Shreve,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Shreve,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Henderfon,	Mr. Anderson.
Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Van-Campen,		
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Maxwell.		
Mr. Baker,			

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to the Committee appointed on the 20th Instant, to prepare the Draught of a Bill to raise a Sum of Money by Tax to answer the Exigencies of the State for the ensuing Year. *

Mr. *Henderfon*, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm and establish the Testament and Last Will of Samuel Purviance, late of Pittsgrove, in the County of Salem, deceased*, which was ordered a second Reading.

The Memorial from the Reverend *John Witherpoon*, as President of the College of *New-Jersey* and of the Board of Trustees of that Seminary, which was read on the 21st Instant, was read a second Time, whereupon,

A Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to prepare the Draught of a Bill to appropriate such Fines or Amercements as may be assessed and levied in the several Courts in the respective Counties in this State, for two Years, to the Benefit of the College of *New-Jersey*; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Witherpoon,	Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Dey,	Col. Shreve,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Dickerson,
Mr. Henderfon,	Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Hendrickson,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Van-Campen.
Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Maxwell.	Mr. Cooper,	

Ordered, That the said Memorial be committed to Mr. *Henderfon*, Mr. *Bunn* and Mr. *Tucker*; and that they prepare and bring in a Bill agreeably to the above Motion.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting; and, being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, November 26, 1783.

The House met.

Mr. *Henderfon*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to appropriate such Fines as may be levied at the several Courts in this State for the Space of two Years to the Benefit of the College of New-Jersey*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm and establish the Testament and Last Will of Samuel Purviance, late of Pittsgrove, in the County of Salem, deceased*, was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act to suspend the Sales of Real Estates which have, or hereafter may, become forfeited to, and vested in, this State; and also to direct the Agents in the respective Counties in this State to proceed*

ceed to the Sales of said Estates, was read a second Time; and, after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Holmes.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Nov. 26, 1783.

THAT Mr. Holmes do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to regulate the Practice of Physick and Surgery within the State of New-Jersey*; the Bill, intituled, *An Act to release Abraham Chapman from the Payment of a Sum of publick Money and Certificates taken by Robbers*; the Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm the Charter of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Hillsborough, in the Township of Hillsborough, in the County of Somerset*; and the Bill, intituled, *An Act to annex the several Islands, situate in the River Delaware, belonging to this State, to the respective Counties and Townships to which they lie nearest*, are passed by this House without Amendment.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Warrant entitling Samuel Jones to receive the Amount of his Half-Pay; and also the Warrants entitling Ann Barber, Sarah, late Widow of James Rogers, Sarah, late Widow of Richard Skinner, and Hannah Ball, severally to receive the Amount of their late Husbands' Half-Pay during their Widowhood, with the several Vouchers accompanying the same;

Resolved, That the House do concur therein.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Memorial from the Freeholders chosen agreeably to Law for the County of Burlington was read, praying that the Justices of the County may by Law be obliged to attend the Board of Justices and Freeholders, or be put under severe Penalties for Non-Attendance;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm and establish the Testament and Last Will of Samuel Purviance, late of Pittsgrove, in the County of Salem, deceased*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Randolph do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Randolph reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act to suspend the Sales of Real Estates which have, or hereafter may, become forfeited to, and vested in, this State; and also to direct the Agents in the respective Counties in this State to proceed to the Sales of said Estates*.

An Amendment was moved to the 3d Section to take in after the Words *Surplus Certificates*, the following: *And Loan-Office Certificates liquidated agreeably to the Scale of Depreciation of this State*; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Blanch,	Col. Shreve,	Mr. Dey,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Dickerson,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Witherpoon,	Mr. Van-Campen,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Hildreth,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. Henderson,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Maxwell.
Mr. Hendrickson,	Mr. Ewing.		

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday, November 27, 1783.

The House met.

Sundry Petitions from the County of *Effex*, praying that the Legislature will adhere most rigidly and inviolably to the Preservation of the Faith of the State, as pledged by the Act of the Legislature of the ninth *June*, 1780, for the Redemption of the State Money; and that the Legislature would remonstrate to Congress against the Allowance of Commutation to the Officers of the Army;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Effex* was read, praying that the Act, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors*, may be repealed;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from *Humphry Wall*, late Collector of the Township of *Nottingham*, was read, setting forth, that on the Night of the fourth Day of *June*, 1782, he was robbed by a Band of armed Men of the Sum of 123 State Dollars, 103 of which drew Interest; and also £. 22 in Gold or Silver; that one of the Persons who robbed him had confessed the same, and had since been executed; and praying that he may have an Opportunity to prove the same before the Legislature; and that a Law may be passed by them to release him from the Payment of the said Sums into the Treasury of the State; whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Petitioner have Leave to appear before the House on *Tuesday* the 2d Day of *December* next, at three o'Clock, *P. M.* with his Evidences to support the Facts set forth in his Petition; and that he be served with a Copy of this Order.

Mr. *Witherspoon*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to assign the Grounds or Causes upon which Divorcements, or the Dissolution of the married Relation, may be founded, and to authorize the Justices of the Supreme Court to grant Bills of Divorce*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act to suspend the Sales of Real Estates which have, or hereafter may, become forfeited to, and vested in, this State; and also to direct the Agents in the respective Counties in this State to proceed to the Sales of said Estates*; and, after having gone through the said Bill,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

On Motion,

Ordered, That Mr. *Henderson*, Mr. *Boyd* and Mr. *Cooper*, be a Committee to prepare the Draught of a Bill to procure an Estimate of the Sums due to the Militia, and such Troops as have served during temporary Enlistments for the Defence of the Frontiers of the State, and to provide for the Settlement of the same, by giving State Obligations to draw an Interest of Six per Cent. per Annum until paid, and to be receivable by the Agents for Payment of forfeited Estates.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act to suspend the Sales of Real Estates which have, or hereafter may, become forfeited to, and vested in, this State; and also to direct the Agents in the respective Counties in this State to proceed to the Sales of said Estates*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Hendrickson,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Schuurman,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Randolph,
Mr. Dey,	Mr. Witherspoon,	Mr. Stark,	Mr. Tenbroeck,
Mr. Garritse,	Col. Shreve,	Mr. Dickerson,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Van-Campen,	Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Hildreth,	Mr. Maxwell.	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Henderson,			Mr. Bowen.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Dey,	Mr. Henderson,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Hendrickson,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Hildreth,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Witherspoon,	Mr. Van-Campen,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Dickerson,
Mr. Schuurman,	Col. Shreve,	Mr. Maxwell.	Mr. Bowen.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Shreve do carry the said Bills to Council for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Lawrence.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Nov. 27, 1783.

‘ **T**HAT Mr. Lawrence do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm and establish the Testament and Last Will of Samuel Purviance, late of Pittsgrove, in the County of Salem, deceased*, is passed by this House without Amendment.’

Ordered, That Messrs. Henderson, Boyd and Schuurman, be a Committee to prepare the Draught of a Bill for the better Regulation of Juries.

Mr. Shreve reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, November 28, 1783.

The House met.

A Petition from the Members of the *Presbyterian Congregation at Bedminster*, in the Counties of *Somerset* and *Hunterdon*, was read, praying that a Law may pass to incorporate a certain Number of Persons therein mentioned as Trustees of the *Presbyterian Congregation at Bedminster*, in the Counties of *Somerset* and *Hunterdon*;

Ordered, That the said Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

Mr. Henderson, agreeably to Leave given at the last Sitting, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending and confirming the Charter of the two United Protestant Dutch Churches of Hackinsack and Schralenburgh, in the County of Bergen, and State of New-Jersey*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to assign the Grounds or Causes upon which Divorcements, or the Dissolution of the Marriage Relation, may be founded, and to authorize the Justices of the Supreme Court to grant Bills of Divorce*, was read a second Time; and, after having gone through the same,

On the Question, Whether the said Bill shall be engrossed? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Schuurman,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Dey,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Dickerson,	Mr. Hendrickson,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Bunn,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Hildreth,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Witherpoon,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Van-Campen,	Mr. Tenbroeck,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Hankinjon.	Mr. Anderson,
Col. Shreve,			Mr. Maxwell.

Ordered, That the said Bill be filed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Martin.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, Nov. 28, 1783.

‘ **T**HAT Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act for granting an annual Salary to the Secretary of this State, in Lieu of his Fees on the Commissions of Justices, Coroners and Militia Officers*, is rejected by this House.’

Mr. Clark, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum, for the Term of twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the eighteenth Day of April, 1783, and for appropriating the same*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered, That Mr. Shreve have Leave of Absence until Wednesday next.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, November 29, 1783.

The House met.

A Petition from Matthew Freeman, of the County of Middlesex, was read, praying that he and his Company may receive Compensation for the Depreciation of their Pay, for Services done in the Militia on the Frontiers in the Year 1780;

Ordered, That the same be filed.

Mr. Henderson, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation at Bedminster, in the Counties of Somerset and Hunterdon*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Henderson, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure an Estimate of the Sums due the Militia and Troops who have been raised for the Defence of the Frontiers of this State, and to provide for the Settlement of the same*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Henderson, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation of Juries*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to give Relief against, and suspend the Operation of, the Statute commonly called the Statue of Limitation, made the 21st Year of the Reign of James the first, late King of England, and extended in this State while the same was a Colony*, was read a second Time, and rejected by the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending and confirming the Charter of the two United Protestant Dutch Churches of Hackinsack and Schralenburgh, in the County of Bergen, and State of New-Jersey*, was read a second Time; also a Petition from sundry Persons of the County of Bergen, praying that a Day may be assigned

signed for them to be heard against the said Law for altering and amending the Charter of the said Society, at least against such Parts of it as may infringe upon or endanger the Rights, Liberties and Privileges of the Petitioners; whereupon,

Ordered, That the Petitioners against the said Bill be heard before the House on *Wednesday* the tenth Day of *December* next, at ten o'Clock in the Morning; and that they or any one of them be served with a Copy of this Order.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. Tallman.

' *Ordered*,

Council-Chamber, Nov. 29, 1783.

' **T**HAT Mr. Tallman do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Payment of the several Officers of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, to commence the fourteenth Day of October, 1783, and to end the second Tuesday in October, 1784, inclusive,* is rejected by this House.'

' *Ordered*,

' **T**HAT Mr. Tallman do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act to amend, revive and continue an Act, intituled, An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors,* and request their Concurrence therein; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered, That Mr. Hendrickson and Mr. Shreve have Leave of Absence until *Wednesday* next.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

Mr. Ewing, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to shorten Law-Suits and lessen their Expence, and to authorize Justices of the Peace to try Actions of Assault and Battery,* which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act to amend, revive and continue an Act, intituled, An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors,* was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be read a third Time.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation at Bedminster, in the Counties of Somerset and Hunterdon,* was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Clark, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Support of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, to commence the fourteenth Day of October, 1783, and to end the second Tuesday in October, 1784,* which was ordered a second Reading.

Ordered, That Mr. Henderson have Leave of Absence.

The House adjourned till *Monday* Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday, December 1, 1783.

The House met.

A Petition from Jacob Piatt, late Captain in the first *Jersey* Regiment, was read, praying, that he may be allowed for the Depreciation of his Pay while in the said Regiment, was read, and ordered to be filed.

A Petition from David Frazer, of the County of *Hunterdon*, was read, accompanied with an Account against the State of £. 6 15 0, and praying Payment,

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for defraying Incidental Charges.

The Memorial from the Freeholders chosen agreeably to Law for the County of *Burlington*, read on the 26th *Ultimo*, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Combs, Maxwell and Boyd, and that they examine the Laws by which

the Justices and Freeholders are convened, and report any Deficiency that may appear therein to the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure an Estimate of the Sums due the Militia and Troops who have been raised for the Defence of the Frontiers of this State, and to provide for the Settlement of the same*, was read a second Time; and, after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, December 2, 1783.

The House met.

Thomas Norris, Esquire, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly affirmed by the Speaker, he took his Seat.

The Auditor of Accounts appeared in the House, and reported the State of sundry Accounts on which the Petition from *John Conway*, read on the 14th Ultimo, was read a second Time, and ordered to be filed; whereupon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the said Accounts be postponed.

Mr. Clark, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for granting an annual Salary to the Secretary of this State, in Lieu of his Fees on the Commissions of Justices, Coroners and Militia Officers, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

A Petition was presented to the House from *James Parker*, Esquire, of *New-Brunswick*, Agent to *Gilbert Budd* and *Samuel Farmer*, setting forth, that *Gilbert Budd* and *Samuel Farmer* have Demands against the Estate of *Philip French*, deceased; for which Judgments against the said *Philip French* have been had, one at the Suit of said *Gilbert Budd*, and the other at the Suit of *Peter Leferts*, to whom the said *Samuel Farmer* became Surety for said *French*, and now remains liable for the same; praying, that in a Law applied for by *John Schuurman*, *James Hude* and *Ann Downey*, for selling the Estate of said *Philip French*, for the Payment of certain Judgments, Provision may be made for paying and discharging the said Judgments obtained at the Suits of said *Budd* and *Leferts*; and also of other Judgments against said Estate; which Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day on the Petition of *Humphry Wall*, late Collector of *Nottingham*, in the County of *Burlington*, respecting a Robbery of publick Money, the Petitioner appeared before the House, and produced several Witnesses in Support of the Allegations set forth in his Petition; which being heard, and the House having duly considered the same,

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Wednesday, December 3, 1783.

The House met.

The Assembly-Room having taken Fire last Night, which made it necessary to remove the Chests, Books and Papers, so that the House could not proceed to Business; therefore adjourned to three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The

The House met.

Col. Shreve and Mr. Shreve returned and took their Seats.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for granting an annual Salary to the Secretary of this State, in Lieu of his Fees on the Commissions of Justices, Coroners and Militia Officers, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to shorten Law-Suits and lessen their Expence, and to authorize Justices of the Peace to try Actions of Assault and Battery*, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Clark, Van-Cleve, Schuurman and Boyd.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday, December 4, 1783.

The House met.

Mr. Ewing, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *An Act for raising the Sum of Fifteen Thousand One Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds, to be applied towards sinking the Bills of Credit of this State*, reported the same with the following Title: *An Act to raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds in Gold or Silver, to redeem the Sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds in the Bills of Credit of this State*, and sundry other Amendments, which were read; whereupon, Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Ewing, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds in the State of New-Jersey, for the Support of the Government, and the contingent Expences for the Year 1784*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Blanch, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for vesting in Guiliam Demarest, the Real Estate of David G. Demarest, a Fugitive from this State*, which was ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Schuurman, agreeably to Leave given, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable Abraham Schuyler, Esquire, now Sheriff of the County of Middlesex, and his Successors in Office, and Robert Stockton, Esquire, late Sheriff of the County of Somerset, to sell such Part of the Personal and Real Estate, late of Philip French of New-Brunswick, deceased, as may be necessary to satisfy certain Executions levied on the said Estate by Isaac Bonnel, Esquire, late Sheriff of the said County of Middlesex*, which was ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Support of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, to commence the 14th Day of October, 1783, and to end the second Tuesday in October, 1784, inclusive*, was read a second Time; on the Question, What the Governor shall be allowed per Annum? It was carried as follows:

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Bowen.

For £. 600.

Mr. Dey.

For £. 550.

Mr. Blanch,

Mr. Boyd,

Mr. Garritse,

Mr. Marsh,

Mr. Clark,

Mr. Combs,

Mr. Schuurman,

Mr. Randolph,

Mr. Bunn,

Mr. Tenbroeck,

For £. 550.

Col. Shreve,

Mr. Shreve,

Mr. Cooper,

Mr. Loyd,

Mr. Norris,

Mr. Baker,

Mr. Hildreth,

Mr. Van-Cleve,

Mr. Starke,

Mr. Maxwell.

For £. 500.

Mr. Tucker,

Mr. Dickerson,

Mr. Bowen,

Mr. Ewing,

Mr. Van-Campen,

Mr. Hankinson.

So it was carried for £. 550.

On the Question, What the Chief-Justice shall have per Annum? It was carried as follows: On

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Van-Cleve*, seconded by Mr. *Tucker*.

For £. 350.

Mr. *Blanch*,
Mr. *Boyd*,
Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Marsh*.

For £. 300.

Mr. *Garrity*,
Mr. *Clark*,
Mr. *Combs*,
Mr. *Schuurman*,
Mr. *Randolph*,
Mr. *Bunn*,
Mr. *Tenbroeck*,
Col. *Shreve*,

For £. 300.

Mr. *Shreve*,
Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Loyd*,
Mr. *Norris*,
Mr. *Baker*,
Mr. *Hildreth*,
Mr. *Tucker*,
Mr. *Van-Cleve*,

For £. 300.

Mr. *Starke*,
Mr. *Dickerson*,
Mr. *Bowen*,
Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Van-Campen*,
Mr. *Hankinson*,
Mr. *Maxwell*.

So it was carried for £. 300.

On the Question, What Salary shall be allowed the Second Justice of the Supreme Court per Annum? It was carried as follows:

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Tucker*, seconded by Mr. *Schuurman*.

For £. 150.

Mr. *Blanch*,
Mr. *Boyd*,
Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Marsh*,
Mr. *Schuurman*,
Mr. *Bunn*,

For £. 150.

Mr. *Tenbroeck*,
Col. *Shreve*,
Mr. *Shreve*,
Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Starke*.

For £. 100.

Mr. *Garrity*,
Mr. *Clark*,
Mr. *Combs*,
Mr. *Randolph*,
Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Loyd*,
Mr. *Norris*,
Mr. *Baker*.

For £. 100.

Mr. *Hildreth*,
Mr. *Tucker*,
Mr. *Dickerson*,
Mr. *Bowen*,
Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Van-Campen*,
Mr. *Hankinson*.

On the Question, What Salary shall be allowed the Third Justice of the Supreme Court per Annum? It was carried as follows:

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Tucker*, seconded by Mr. *Bowen*.

For £. 150.

Mr. *Blanch*,
Mr. *Boyd*,
Mr. *Dey*.

For £. 100.

Mr. *Garrity*,
Mr. *Marsh*,
Mr. *Clark*,
Mr. *Combs*,
Mr. *Schuurman*,
Mr. *Randolph*,
Mr. *Bunn*,
Mr. *Tenbroeck*,

For £. 100.

Col. *Shreve*,
Mr. *Shreve*,
Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Loyd*,
Mr. *Norris*,
Mr. *Baker*,
Mr. *Hildreth*,
Mr. *Tucker*,

For £. 100.

Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Starke*,
Mr. *Dickerson*,
Mr. *Bowen*,
Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Van-Campen*,
Mr. *Hankinson*.

On the Question, What the Members shall have per Day, who shall attend the Congress of the United States on the Part of this State? It was carried for 30s. as follows:

For 30s.

Mr. *Blanch*,
Mr. *Boyd*,
Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Garrity*,
Mr. *Marsh*,
Mr. *Clark*,
Mr. *Combs*,
Mr. *Schuurman*,

For 30s.

Mr. *Randolph*,
Mr. *Bunn*,
Mr. *Tenbroeck*,
Col. *Shreve*,
Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Starke*,
Mr. *Maxwell*.

For 25s.

Mr. *Shreve*,
Mr. *Loyd*,
Mr. *Norris*,
Mr. *Baker*,
Mr. *Hildreth*,
Mr. *Tucker*,

For 25s.

Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Dickerson*,
Mr. *Bowen*,
Mr. *Ewing*,
Mr. *Van-Campen*,
Mr. *Hankinson*.

On the Question, What the Members of the Council shall be allowed per Day? It was carried as follows:

On which the Yeas and Nays were called for by Mr. *Tucker*, seconded by Mr. *Marsh*.

For 10s.

Mr. *Blanch*,
Mr. *Boyd*,
Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Garrity*,
Mr. *Marsh*,
Mr. *Clark*,
Mr. *Combs*,

For 10s.

Col. *Shreve*,
Mr. *Shreve*,
Mr. *Cooper*,
Mr. *Loyd*,
Mr. *Norris*,
Mr. *Baker*,
Mr. *Hildreth*,

For 10s.

Mr. *Cook*,
Mr. *Starke*,
Mr. *Bowen*,
Mr. *Van-Campen*,
Mr. *Hankinson*,
Mr. *Maxwell*.

For 8s.

Mr. *Schuurman*,
Mr. *Randolph*,
Mr. *Bunn*,
Mr. *Tenbroeck*,
Mr. *Tucker*,
Mr. *Van-Cleve*,
Mr. *Dickerson*,
Mr. *Ewing*.

The

The House having gone through the said Bill,
Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

Mr. Clark, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act providing for the equitable Distribution of the Money directed to be raised for paying one Year's Interest on Loan-Office Certificates and other liquidated Debts, and making further Provision for completing such Payment*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Hendrickson and Mr. Covenhoven returned and took their Seats.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from *Henry Brown*, of the County of *Suffex*, was read, setting forth that he owed to *Nicholas Huffman* the Sum of £. 375, to whom he gave a Mortgage on his Real Estate, since which the said *Nicholas* has taken Refuge with the Enemy, and his Estate confiscated to the Use of this State, and which Money he accordingly paid when the same was demanded of him by the Commissioners of forfeited Estates, and whose Receipt for the said Money was annexed thereto, since which the Bond by him given to the said *Huffman*, has been produced against him by the Heirs of the said *Huffman*, who threaten him with a Suit for the Amount if he does not discharge the same with Interest, and praying that some Measure may be taken by the Legislature for his Relief;

Ordered, That the same be committed to Messrs. *Maxwell*, *Cook* and *Hankinson*, and that they examine into the Circumstances of the Complaint of the Petitioner, and report their Opinion thereon.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds in the State of New-Jersey. for the Support of Government, and the contingent Expences of the Year 1784*, was read a second Time; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the Title of the said Bill? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Garritte,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Hendrickson,
Mr. Combs	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Covenhoven,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Day,	Mr. Tenbroeck,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Deckerfon,	Mr. Marfb,	Col. Shreve,
Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Cooper.
Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Schuurman,	
Mr. Norris,	Mr. Van-Campen		
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Hildreth,	Mr. Maxwell.		
Mr. Tucker,			

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

A Memorial and Petition from the Honourable *John Stevens*, Esquire, by Order and in Behalf of the General Proprietors of *East New-Jersey*, was read, on the Subject of the Partition Line between *East* and *West-Jersey*, and praying that the Line run by *John Lawrence* may be confirmed and made final by an Act of the Legislature;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time with the several Petitions from the *West* and *East-Jersey* Proprietors, respecting the Line of Partition between *East* and *West-Jersey*.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Clark.

Ordered

Council-Chamber, Dec. 4, 1783.

‘ **T**HAT Mr. Clark do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act to suspend the Sales of Real Estates which have, or hereafter may, become forfeited to, and vested in, this State, to proceed to the Sales of said Estates, with the Amendments made thereto by this House, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments;*’

Which Bill and Amendments were read, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, December 5, 1783.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act to suspend the Sales of Real Estates which have, or hereafter may, become forfeited to, and vested in, this State; and also to direct the Agents in the respective Counties in this State, to proceed to the Sales of said Estates, with the Amendments made thereto by the Council, were read a second Time.*

Resolved, That the House do agree to the 1st, 2d, 3d and 5th Amendments to the said Bill, and in other Respects do adhere to their Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hendrickson* do wait on the Council with the said Bill and Amendments, and acquaint them therewith.

A Complaint and Representation from the Grand Jury of the County of *Suffex* was read, setting forth, that *Peter Hopkins*, Esquire, one of the Justices of the Peace, forgetting that he was bound to support the Laws and Dignity of Government, did abuse and ill treat *Jacob Bockover*, one of the Coroners of the said County, in the Execution of his Office; and did also abuse and assault *Samuel Dunn*, a Juryman on the said Coroner's Inquest, and in various other Instances has behaved unworthy the Magistrate, to the great Prejudice of the Community, to the evil Example of others; and praying that the Legislature will take Cognizance of, and impeach the said *Peter Hopkins* for the same; whereupon,

Ordered, That the said *Peter Hopkins*, Esquire, do attend this House on the second *Wednesday* of the next Sitting, to answer to the above Complaint, and that he be served with a Copy of this Order; and that the Clerk be directed to issue *Subpœnas* for *Jacob Bockover*, *Samuel Dunn*, *Thomas Armstrong*, *Christopher Hoagland*, Esquire, and *Francis Price*, Esquire, to attend as Witnesses to support the said Charges.

A Petition from *Jacob* and *Abraham Carpenter*, Sons of *Joseph Carpenter*, late of *Greenwich*, in the County of *Suffex*, deceased, praying that a Law may pass to confirm and establish an attested Copy of the Last Will and Testament of the said Deceased, the Original having been clandestinely taken from the Petitioners, and destroyed after the Decease of the said Testator, was read; whereupon,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of their Petition and a Copy of this Order, for at least three Weeks previous thereto, in the Township of *Greenwich*, and County of *Suffex*; and that they be served with a Copy of this Order.

Samuel Hugg, Esquire, elected to represent the County of *Gloucester* in the Assembly, having forwarded the Certificate of his Election, accompanied with a Letter, setting forth, that he could not at present attend the House of Assembly, owing to the Indisposition of his Family; whereupon,

Ordered, That the Certificate be returned to Mr. *Hugg*, and that he be requested to attend the next Sitting of Assembly, and save the County the Expence of a new Election, which, if ordered, cannot procure the County a new Representative this Sitting.

The Auditor of Accounts attended the House, and reported the State of sundry Accounts; by which it appears that the Accounts of *Cornelius Haring*, appointed to pay Bounty and Subsistence to the Troops raised in the County of *Bergen*, in Virtue of a Law passed *June 2d, 1779*; and of *Frederick Feelingbuyesen*, one of the Commissioners of forfeited Estates in the County of *Somerset*, ought to stand balanced;

Resolved, That the House do agree to the same.

And that there is due to the State from *Cornelius Haring*, Agent for forfeited and sequestered Estates in the County of *Bergen*, the Sum of *Eleven-pence*;

Resolved, That the same be passed to his Credit in his next Account. And

And that there is due from the State to *Joseph Inflee*, late Sheriff of the County of *Hunterdon*, the Sum of *Thirteen Pounds Seven Shillings and Nine-pence* ;
Resolved, That the Treasurer do pay the same.

Likewise a Re-Statement of the Account of *Alexander Chambers*, late Receiver-General of Clothing of this State ; by which it appears that there was a Mistake in the Settlement of his said Account made on the 31st May, 1781 ; and that there was really due to the said *Alexander Chambers* the Sum of *Forty-two Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Four-pence* in Specie, instead of the Value of *Eighty Pounds Sixteen Shillings*, Continental, on the 6th November, 1778, as allowed in the above Settlement ;

Resolved, That the Treasurer do pay to the said *Alexander Chambers* the Sum of £. 42 18 4 in Specie, instead of the Sum so allowed in the Settlement made May 31, 1781 ; and that he do pay the said *Alexander Chambers* the Interest of the said Sum of £. 42 18 4, from the said 22d Day of April, 1778, and the Interest of the Sum of £. 30 10 9, Specie, from the 26th Day of November, 1776, and the Interest of the Sum of £. 165 5 9, from the 1st Day of January, 1777, the Time when the said Sums severally became due to him, as appears by the aforesaid Settlement, until the same are or were paid ;

Ordered, That Mr. *Hendrickson* do carry the said Accounts and the above Resolutions to the Council, and request their Allowance of the said Accounts, and Concurrence in the said Resolutions.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, December 6, 1783.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for granting an annual Salary to the Secretary of this State, in Lieu of his Fees on the Commissions of Justices, Coroners and Militia Officers, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Support of the Government of New-Jersey, to commence the fourteenth Day of October, 1783, and to end the second Tuesday in October, 1784*, was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Boyd,	Col. Shreve,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Blanch,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Dickerson,	Mr. Dey,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Schuurman,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Hendrickson,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Norris,	Mr. Van-Campen,	Mr. Covenhoven.
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Hildreth,	Mr. Maxwell,	
Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Tucker,		

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation at Bedminster, in the Counties of Somerset and Hunterdon*, was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Covenhoven,	Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Dey,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Col. Shreve,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Dickerson,	Mr. Stark,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Norris,	Mr. Van-Campen,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Hildreth,	Mr. Maxwell,	
Mr. Hendrickson,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. *Hendrickson* do carry the said Bills to Council for Concurrence,

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act to amend, revive and continue an Act, intituled, An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors*, was read a third Time; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Norris,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Hildreth,	Mr. Dey,	Mr. Van-Cleve,
Mr. Hendrickson,	Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Van-Campen,
Mr. Covenhoven,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Maxwell.
Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Diekerfon,		
Col. Shreve,	Mr. Bowen,		
Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Ewing.		
Mr. Anderson,			

Ordered, That Mr. *Hendrickson* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

Mr. *Hendrickson* reported, that he had obeyed the Orders of the House.

Mr. *Anderson*, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to release Humphry Wall from the Payment of a Sum of publick Money taken by Robbers*; which Bill was ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Holmes*.

Ordered,
THAT Mr. *Holmes* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable James Parker, one of the Executors of the Last Will and Testament*
 Council-Chamber, Dec. 6, 1783.

DR. JOHN STEVENS, jun. Treasurer to the STATE of *New-Jersey*, on Account—
 Specie, due Sep—

To Deficiencies not yet paid in from
 the several Counties of

	State Money & Certificates.	Specie.
<i>Monmouth</i> ,	£. 1000 18 4½	£. 273 2 10,
<i>Burlington</i> ,	3653 9 11	770 2 8
<i>Morris</i> ,	65 4 11	
<i>Suffex</i> ,	7691 7 6	480 16 8
<i>Effex</i> ,		507 10 8
<i>Salem</i> ,		166 14 10
	£. 12,411 0 8½	£. 2198 7 8½

DR. JOHN STEVENS, jun. Treasurer to the STATE of *New-Jersey*, on Account of—

To Deficiencies not yet paid in from
 the several Counties of

	State Money & Certificates.
<i>Effex</i> ,	£. 2145 7 10
<i>Monmouth</i> ,	1661 13 4
<i>Burlington</i> ,	5112 17 5
<i>Hunterdon</i> ,	176 2 10
<i>Morris</i> ,	2498 9 8½
<i>Suffex</i> ,	4000 0 0
	£. 15,594 11 1½

'ment of Doctor Lewis Johnston, deceased, in Conjunction with Bowes Reed, to fulfil the Purposes of the said Will, and request their Concurrence therein ;'
Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Maxwell, from the Committee to whom was committed the Petition of Henry Brown, of the County of Suffex, reported as follows :

'THAT they have carefully examined said Petition, and are of Opinion that it will be improper for the Legislature to grant the Prayer of said Petition at this Time, there being no Action brought against him.

'By Order of the Committee,

'WM. MAXWELL.'

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the said Report be postponed.

A Petition from Barnt De Klyn, of the County of Burlington, was read, praying that he may by Law be permitted to run a Wing or Rippling-Dam from the Head of the Mill-Race, by him cut near Trenton out of the River Delaware, to the lower Extremity of a small Island nearly opposite the Barracks at Trenton ; and praying that he may have Leave to present a Bill for securing to him the Privilege of erecting such Dam ;

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition, on advertising his Intention and the Purport of his Petition for at least three Weeks previous thereto in the *New-Jersey Gazette*, and one of the News-Papers of *Philadelphia*.

Mr. Van-Cleve, from the Committee appointed to settle the Accounts of the Treasurer of this State, reported a State of the same as follows :

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of Tax for raising £. 100,000, in State Money and Certificates ; and £. 7500, in Cr.
tember 10, 1781.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in by the
several Counties of

	State Money & Certificates.	Specie.
<i>Burlington,</i>	£. 67 13 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	
<i>Salem,</i>		£. 166 14 10
Balance carried to Account current,	12,343 7 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	£. 2031 12 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
	£. 12,411 0 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	£. 2198 7 8 $\frac{1}{2}$

Trenton, December 5, 1783.

By Order of the Committee,

JOSIAH HORNBLLOWER,
BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

Tax for raising £. 50,000, in State Money and Certificates, due December 1st, 1781. Cr.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in by the several Counties of

<i>Burlington,</i>	£. 5112 17 5
<i>Suffex,</i>	2642 18 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Balance carried to Account current,	7838 14 11
	£. 15,594 11 1 $\frac{1}{2}$

Trenton, December 5, 1783.

By Order of the Committee,

JOSIAH HORNBLLOWER,
BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

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DR. JOHN STEVENS, jun. Treasurer to the STATE of *New-Jersey*, on—
&c. due April

To Deficiencies not yet paid in from
the several Counties of

Suffex,
Gloucester,

	Specie.
£. 600 0 0	
550 9 5	
£. 1150 9 5	

DR. JOHN STEVENS jun. Treasurer to the STATE of *New-Jersey*, on—
£. 25,000, in Specie,

To Deficiencies not yet paid in from
the several Counties of

	State Money & Certificates.			Specie.		
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	£. 6046	16	0	£. 2125	7	1½
<i>Effex,</i>	1353	8	6	1489	11	8
<i>Middlesex,</i>	1002	5	9	79	6	8
<i>Monmouth,</i>	2122	17	11	1602	5	8½
<i>Somerset,</i>	0	0	0	333	9	2
<i>Burlington,</i>	0	0	0	2567	2	2½
<i>Cape-May,</i>	132	1	0	0	0	0
<i>Morris,</i>	658	9	2½	1406	2	5½
<i>Cumberland,</i>	430	6	8½	337	10	0
<i>Suffex,</i>	4000	0	0	2000	0	0
	£. 15,746	5	1	£. 11,940	15	0½

DR. JOHN STEVENS, jun. Treasurer to the STATE of *New-Jersey*, on—
£. 25,000, in Specie,

To Deficiencies not yet paid in from
the several Counties of

<i>Hunterdon,</i>	£. 4835	3	3	£. 3213	9	10½
<i>Bergen,</i>	330	7	6	0	0	0
<i>Effex,</i>	2442	3	11	1816	15	6
<i>Middlesex,</i>	2110	0	4	1877	5	0½
<i>Monmouth,</i>	3155	10	7	2202	4	10½
<i>Somerset,</i>	1661	17	8	2155	0	0
<i>Burlington,</i>	3810	12	5	2567	2	2½
<i>Gloucester,</i>	708	17	11½	609	12	0
<i>Salem,</i>	977	3	10½	814	11	5
<i>Cape-May,</i>	330	4	1	0	0	0
<i>Morris,</i>	2238	17	3½	1712	11	7½
<i>Cumberland,</i>	2250	0	0	1125	0	0
<i>Suffex,</i>	4000	0	0	2000	0	0
	£. 28,850	18	10½	£. 20,093	12	6½

Account of Tax for raising £. 7500, in Specie, for Support of Government, CR,
1st, 1782.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in
by the County of

Suffex,
Balance carried to Account current, £. 473 15 3
676 14 2

£. 1150 9 5

Trenton, December 5, 1783.

By Order of the Committee,

JOSIAH HORNBLOWER,
BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

Account of Tax for raising £. 50,000, in State Money and Certificates; and CR,
due April 1st, 1782.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in by the
several Counties of

<i>Monmouth,</i>	£. 450	9	0 $\frac{3}{4}$	£.	0	0	0
<i>Burlington,</i>	0	0	0	1049	0	2	
<i>Morris,</i>	658	9	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	727	6	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	
<i>Suffex,</i>	2727	8	0 $\frac{1}{4}$	1804	10	4	
<i>Essex,</i>	0	0	0	266	3	1	
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	178	3	8	0	0	0	
Balance carried to Account current,	11,731	15	1	8093	14	6	

£. 15,746 5 1 £. 11,940 15 0 $\frac{1}{4}$

Trenton, December 5, 1783.

By Order of the Committee,

JOSIAH HORNBLOWER,
BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

Account of Tax for raising £. 50,000, in State Money and Certificates; and CR,
due July 1st, 1782.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in by
the several Counties of

<i>Monmouth</i>	£. 3155	10	7	£.	23	16	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
<i>Burlington,</i>	3157	16	11	2567	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
<i>Morris,</i>	2238	17	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1712	11	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	
<i>Suffex,</i>	4000	0	0	2000	0	0	
<i>Essex,</i>	0	0	0	839	15	9	
<i>Salem,</i>	0	0	0	150	10	10	
<i>Hunterdon</i>	4784	7	9	2736	12	2	
<i>Middlesex,</i>	405	1	2	217	8	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	
<i>Cape-May,</i>	206	9	0	0	0	0	
<i>Cumberland,</i>	930	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	604	4	8	
Balance carried to Account current,	9972	15	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	9241	9	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	

£. 28,850 18 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ £. 20,093 12 6 $\frac{1}{2}$

Trenton, December 5, 1783.

By Order of the Committee,

JOSIAH HORNBLOWER,
BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

DR. JOHN STEVENS, jun. Treasurer to the STATE of *New-Jersey*, on—
due July

To Deficiencies not yet paid in from
the several Counties of

<i>Essex,</i>	£. 321	13	8
<i>Somerset,</i>	118	7	3
<i>Burlington,</i>	173	4	7
<i>Suffex,</i>	600	0	0
<i>Cumberland,</i>	65	15	0½
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	£. 1279	0	6½

DR. JOHN STEVENS, jun. Treasurer to the STATE of *New-Jersey*, on—
payable into the State Treas-

To Deficiencies not yet paid in from
the several Counties of

<i>Bergen,</i>	£. 291	4	7	£. 65	8	9
<i>Essex,</i>	545	0	7	545	0	7
<i>Middlesex,</i>	569	13	6	569	13	6
<i>Monmouth,</i>	694	16	9	676	4	8
<i>Somerset,</i>	646	10	0	646	10	0
<i>Burlington,</i>	770	3	2	770	3	2
<i>Gloucester,</i>	609	12	5	0	0	0
<i>Salem,</i>	509	12	5	140	12	5
<i>Cape-May,</i>	156	0	0	156	0	0
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	744	13	2	414	13	10
<i>Morris,</i>	619	13	4	619	13	4
<i>Cumberland,</i>	337	15	0	202	15	0
<i>Suffex,</i>	600	0	0	600	0	0
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	£. 7094	14	11	£. 5406	15	3

DR. JOHN STEVENS, jun. Treasurer to the STATE of *New-Jersey*, on—
£. 90,000, payable into the State

To the Quota of said Tax payable into the
State Treasury by the several Counties of

	State Money.			Specie.		
<i>Bergen,</i>	£. 387	14	7	£. 387	14	7
<i>Essex,</i>	545	0	7	545	0	7
<i>Middlesex,</i>	569	13	6	569	13	6
<i>Monmouth,</i>	732	15	0	732	15	0
<i>Somerset,</i>	646	10	0	646	10	0
<i>Burlington,</i>	770	3	2	770	3	2
<i>Gloucester,</i>	609	12	5	609	12	5
<i>Salem,</i>	509	12	5	509	12	5
<i>Cape-May,</i>	156	0	0	156	0	0
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	1015	15	0	1015	15	0
<i>Morris,</i>	619	13	4	619	13	4
<i>Cumberland,</i>	337	10	0	337	10	0
<i>Suffex,</i>	600	0	0	600	0	0
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	£. 7500	0	0	£. 7500	0	0

Account of Tax for raising £. 7500, in Specie, for Support of Government, CR.
1st, 1782.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in by
the several Counties of

<i>Burlington,</i>	£. 173	4	7
<i>Suffex,</i>	600	0	0
<i>Effex,</i>	321	13	8
<i>Cumberland,</i>	65	15	0½
Balance carried to Account current,	118	7	3

£. 1279 0 6½

Trenton, December 5, 1783.

By Order of the Committee,

JOSIAH HORNBLOWER,
BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

Account of the Proportion of the first Payment of Tax for raising £. 90,000, CR.
fury October 1st, 1782.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in
by the several Counties of

<i>Monmouth,</i>	£. 0	0	0	£. 119	1	5½
<i>Burlington,</i>	770	3	2	770	3	2
<i>Morris,</i>	0	0	0	619	13	4
<i>Suffex,</i>	426	13	8	600	0	0
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	744	13	2	372	7	2
<i>Middlefex,</i>	486	2	2	269	13	6
<i>Cumberland,</i>	337	15	0	202	15	0
Balance carried to Account current,	4329	7	9	2453	1	7½

£. 7094 14 11 £. 5406 15 3

Trenton, December 5, 1783.

By Order of the Committee,

JOSIAH HORNBLOWER,
BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

Account of the Proportion of the second Payment of Tax for raising CR.
Treasury the 1st of January, 1783.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in by
the several Counties of

	State Money.			Specie.		
<i>Monmouth,</i>	270	2	7	732	15	0
<i>Burlington,</i>	770	3	2	770	3	2
<i>Morris,</i>	524	3	5½	619	13	4
<i>Suffex,</i>	600	0	0	600	0	0
<i>Effex,</i>	0	0	0	286	10	5
<i>Salem,</i>	0	0	0	86	7	5
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	1015	15	0	1015	15	0
<i>Middlefex,</i>	569	13	6	569	13	6
<i>Cape-May,</i>	156	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Cumberland,</i>	337	10	0	337	10	0
<i>Bergen,</i>	272	16	4	0	0	0
Balance carried to Account current,	2983	15	11½	2481	12	2
	£. 7500	0	0	£. 7500	0	0

Trenton, December 5, 1783.

By Order of the Committee,

JOSIAH HORNBLOWER,
BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

DR. JOHN STEVENS, jun. Treasurer to the STATE of *New-Jersey*, on—
payable into the State Treas—

To the Quota of said Tax payable into the
State Treasury by the several Counties of

	Specie.
<i>Bergen</i> ,	£. 1860 18 4
<i>Essex</i> ,	2180 2 4
<i>Middlesex</i> ,	2278 14 0
<i>Monmouth</i> ,	2931 0 0
<i>Somerset</i> ,	2586 0 0
<i>Burlington</i> ,	3080 12 8
<i>Gloucester</i> ,	2438 9 8
<i>Salem</i> ,	2038 9 8
<i>Cape-May</i> ,	624 0 0
<i>Hunterdon</i> ,	4063 0 0
<i>Morris</i> ,	2478 13 4
<i>Cumberland</i> ,	1350 0 0
<i>Suffex</i> ,	2400 0 0
	£. 30,310 0 0

JOHN STEVENS, jun. Treasurer to the STATE of <i>New-Jersey</i> ,		DR.
Account of Cash in Specie received of sundry Persons, viz.		
1782.	<i>Philip Godfrey</i> , Contractor of <i>Cape-May</i> , per the Hands of	
Nov. 13	<i>John Holmes</i> , Collector, for 145 Bushels of Salt sold,	£. 11 18 3
	<i>Peter De Vroom</i> , Esquire, Sheriff of <i>Somerset</i> , on Account of	
	Fines,	5 6 0
14	<i>Isaac Kay</i> , Esquire, Agent for the recruiting Service in the	
	County of <i>Gloucester</i> ,	225 0 0
	<i>John Conway</i> , Esquire, late Sheriff of <i>Middlesex</i> , on Ac-	
	count of Fines,	57 7 1
30	<i>Isaac Vanderbeck</i> , Collector of <i>Bergen</i> , for Goods forfeited	
	and sold,	7 10 0
	<i>John Wilkins</i> , Esquire, Collector of <i>Gloucester</i> , on Account	
	of Fines,	24 15 0
Dec. 11.	<i>Moore Furman</i> , Esquire, Agent of forfeited Estates in <i>Hun-</i>	
	<i>terdon</i> ,	5 8 9
	<i>Peter B. Shaver</i> , late Collector of <i>Suffex</i> , on Arrears of	
	Continental Taxes,	169 19 9
1783.	<i>Daniel Maskell</i> , Esquire, Sheriff of <i>Cumberland</i> , on Account	
Jan. 29.	of Fines,	69 7 6
April 2.	<i>Theophilus Elmer</i> , late Contractor, per the Hands of <i>John</i>	
	<i>Mulford</i> , Collector of <i>Cumberland</i> ,	120 0 0
May 2	<i>William Schenk</i> , Esquire, Agent for the recruiting Service	
	in the County of <i>Salem</i> ,	59 2 0
June 9.	<i>Jesse Hart</i> , late Paymaster to the Militia of <i>Hunterdon</i> ,	
10	<i>Joshua Corshon</i> , Collector of <i>Hunterdon</i> , being Money re-	5 13 11
	ceived of <i>Nathaniel Hunt</i> , Loan-Officer in said County,	16 0 0
12	<i>William Kelsay</i> , Paymaster to the Militia of <i>Cumberland</i>	
	County,	2 10 7
June 12.	<i>William Kelsay</i> , Esquire, Agent of forfeited Estates in the	
	County of <i>Cumberland</i> ,	10 9 0
Aug. 1.	<i>Joshua Corshon</i> , Collector of <i>Hunterdon</i> , by <i>Nathaniel Hunt</i> ,	
	Esquire, one of the Commissioners of the Loan-Office,	53 19 7½
Oct. 23.	<i>Isaac Vanderbeck</i> , Collector of <i>Bergen</i> , on Account of Prize	
	Goods sold,	142 14 1
Carried forward		£. 987 1 6½

Account of the Proportion of the first Payment of Tax for raising £. 90,930, CR.
 fury the 1st October, 1783.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in
 by the several Counties of

<i>Monmouth,</i>	£. 2931	0	0
<i>Burlington,</i>	2069	12	8
<i>Morris,</i>	2478	13	4
<i>Suffex,</i>	2330	18	4
<i>Essex,</i>	2180	2	4
<i>Salem,</i>	2038	9	8
<i>Hunterdon,</i>	3590	4	9
<i>Gloucester,</i>	2224	14	10
<i>Middlesex,</i>	2278	14	0
<i>Somerset,</i>	2040	4	7½
<i>Cape-May,</i>	501	2	10
<i>Cumberland,</i>	1350	0	0
Balance carried to Account current,	4296	2	7½
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	£. 30,310	0	0

Trenton, December 5, 1783.

By Order of the Committee,

JOSIAH HORNBLOWER,
 BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

JOHN STEVENS, jun. Treasurer to the STATE of <i>New-Jersey</i> ,		DR.
Account of Cash in Specie received of fundry Persons, viz.		
brought forward,		£. 987 1 6½
Oct. 16.	Moore Furman, Esquire, Agent of forfeited Estates in <i>Hunterdon</i> ,	£. 39 12 6
	Nathaniel Hunt, Esquire, Agent for the recruiting Service in the County of <i>Hunterdon</i> , received April 3, 1783,	400 0 0
Amount carried to Account current,		<hr/> £. 1426 14 0½
Trenton December 5, 1783.		
By Order of the Committee,		

JOSIAH HORNBLOWER,
 BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

JOHN STEVENS, jun. Treasurer to the STATE of <i>New-Jersey</i> ,		DR.
Account of Certificates payable by the State, received as follows, viz.		
1782.	Received of <i>Isaac Martin</i> , Esq. one of the Commissioners of forfeited Estates in <i>Suffex</i> , agreeably to a Resolve of 15th June, 1782, in Certificates payable by the State, given in Favour of <i>Peter Hopkins</i> , Esq. amounting to	£. 694 12 8
1783.	Received of Ditto, Commissioner of forfeited Estates in May 15. Do. agreeably to a Resolve of 23d November, 1782, in Certificates payable by the State, given in Favour of <i>Anthony Broderick</i> , Esquire, amounting to	1260 10 2½
		<hr/> £. 1955 2 10½
1782.	Received of Ditto, Commissioner of forfeited Estates in Dec. 5. <i>Suffex</i> , in a Certificate given in Favour <i>Peter Hopkins</i> , Esquire, payable by the State, amounting to	18 0 0
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Trenton, December 5, 1783.

By Order of the Committee,

£. 1973 2 10½
 JOSIAH HORNBLOWER,
 BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

JOHN

JOHN STEVENS, jun. Treasurer to the STATE of *New-Jersey*, DR.
 Account of State Money received of fundry Persons, viz.

1782.	<i>Lucas Schenk</i> , Esquire, late Collector of <i>Middlesex</i> , on			
Nov. 14.	Arrears of Continental Taxes,	-	-	£. 47 12 9
Dec. 2.	<i>John Wilkins</i> , Esquire, Collector of <i>Gloucester</i> , on Ac-			
	count of Fines,	-	-	9 5 0
	<i>Robert Neil</i> , in Bills of <i>January</i> 9th, 1781, signed by			
	himself and <i>Benjamin Smith</i> ,	-	-	5057 17 11
5.	<i>John Ogden</i> , Esquire, late Collector of <i>Effex</i> , on Ac-			
	count of Fines,	-	-	143 1 0
1783.	<i>William Abbott</i> , Esquire, Collector of <i>Hunterdon</i> , on			
Jan. 13.	Arrears of Taxes in Continental Currency,	-	-	58 0 0
Feb. 3.	<i>John Conway</i> , Esquire, Sheriff of <i>Middlesex</i> , on Ac-			
	count of Fines,	-	-	38 0 0
8.	<i>Robert Neil</i> and <i>Benjamin Smith</i> , Esquires. of the Bills			
	emitted pursuant to the Act of 9th <i>June</i> , 1780,	1735	17	6
March 6.	<i>Edward Dunlop</i> , Esquire, Collector of <i>Suffex</i> , on Ac-			
	count of Fines,	-	-	280 5 3
21.	<i>Robert Neil</i> and <i>Benjamin Smith</i> , Esquires, of the Bills			
	of Credit emitted on the Faith of this State, dated			
	<i>January</i> 9th, 1781,	-	-	1317 2 1
	Honourable <i>David Brearley</i> , Esquire, at fundry Times			
	Ditto,	-	-	3000 0 0
April 9.	<i>Jaques Voorheese</i> , Collector of <i>Somerset</i> , on Account of			
	Fines,	-	-	274 1 4
14.	<i>William Abbott</i> , Esquire, Collector of <i>Hunterdon</i> , on			
	Arrears of Taxes in Continental Currency,	32	11	6
23.	<i>Jonathan Combs</i> , Esquire, late Collector of <i>Middlesex</i> ,			
	Ditto,	-	-	109 4 0
May 2.	<i>Jaques Voorheese</i> , Collector of <i>Somerset</i> , Ditto,	196	17	6
	<i>William Kelfay</i> , Esquire, late Sheriff of <i>Cumberland</i> , on			
	Account of Fines,	-	-	5 10 0
May 6.	<i>Kenneth Hankinson</i> , Esquire, Collector of <i>Monmouth</i> on			
	Account of Fines,	-	-	213 0 0
19.	<i>Alexander Carmichael</i> , one of the Commissioners of for-			
	feited Estates in <i>Morris</i> , per the Hands of <i>Jacob</i>			
	<i>Arnold</i> ,	-	-	39 13 6½
June 12.	<i>John Piatt</i> , Esquire, late Sheriff of <i>Middlesex</i> , on Ac-			
	count of Fines,	-	-	201 18 9
Sept. 3.	<i>James Hamilton</i> , Esquire, late Commissary military			
	Stores, Balance of his Account,	-	-	40 16 2
Oct. 14.	<i>Peter Schenk</i> , Esq. late Sheriff of <i>Somerset</i> , on Account			
	of Fines,	-	-	54 19 6
23.	<i>Abraham Manning</i> , Esquire, late Sheriff of <i>Bergen</i> , per			
	<i>Ijaac Vanderbeck</i> , Collector, on Account of Fines,	441	1	3
May 31.	<i>Thomas Sinnickson</i> , Esquire, Collector of <i>Salem</i> ,	152	15	9
Oct. 14.	<i>Henry Garritse</i> , jun. Collector of <i>Effex</i> ,	203	7	7

Amount carried to Account current, - £. 13,652 18 4½
 Trenton, December 5, 1783.

By Order of the Committee,

JOSIAH HORNBLOWER,
 BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

JOHN

JOHN STEVENS, jun. Treasurer to the STATE of *New-Jersey*, DR,
 Account of Continental Money and Certificates received on Arrears of Taxes in
 Continental Currency.

		Continental Money.	Certificates.
1782.	Received of <i>Lucas Schenk</i> , Esquire,		
Nov. 14.	late Collector of <i>Middlesex</i> ,	£. 55 17 6	£. 0 0 0
30	<i>Isaac Vanderbeck</i> , Esquire, Collector of <i>Bergen</i> ,	334 10 7	0 0 0
1783.	<i>Edward Dunlop</i> , Esquire, Collector of		
Jan. 23.	<i>Suffex</i> ,	0 0 0	175,597 2 2
Feb. 26.	<i>Kenneth Hankinson</i> , Esquire, Collector of <i>Monmouth</i> ,	468 0 16 3	0 0 0
March 5.	<i>Thomas Fenimore</i> , Esquire, Collector of <i>Burlington</i> ,	0 0 0	17,928 5 6
April 7.	Ditto, Ditto,	337 2 6	0 0 0
23.	<i>J. Combs</i> , Esquire, late Collector of <i>Middlesex</i> ,	512 16 3	0 0 0
May 2.	<i>Jacques Voorheese</i> , Collector of <i>Somerset</i> ,	230 1 7	543 4 6
8.	<i>J. Stiles</i> , Esquire, Collector of <i>Morris</i> ,	0 0 0	4285 15 0
	<i>Kenneth Hankinson</i> , Esquire, Collec- tor of <i>Monmouth</i> ,	562 10 0	0 0 0
Aug. 8.		1269 2 6	0 0 0
Oct. 11.	<i>John Armstrong</i> , Esquire, Collector of <i>Suffex</i> ,		
		£. 7982 17 2	£198,354 7 2

Trenton, December 5, 1783.

By Order of the Committee,

JOSIAH HORNBLOWER,
 BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

DR. JOHN STEVENS, jun. Treasurer to the STATE of *New-Jersey*, Account—

1782.	Received of <i>Peter De-Vroom</i> , Esquire, Sheriff of <i>Somerset</i> , on			
Nov. 13.	Account of Fines,	£. 37	13	2½
14.	Received of <i>Joshua Corshon</i> , Esquire, late Sheriff of <i>Hunterdon</i> , on Account of Ditto,	99	4	0
	<i>John Conway</i> , Esquire, late Sheriff of <i>Middlesex</i> , on Account of Ditto,	123	2	11
26.	<i>Peter Vredenburg</i> , Esquire, Collector of <i>Middlesex</i> , on Account of Goods forfeited and sold,	61	6	9
	Ditto, on Account of Ditto,	26	2	10½
	Ditto, per <i>Thomas Lowrey</i> , on Account of Ditto,	19	17	5
29.	Ditto, per <i>Joseph Stout</i> , Ditto,	9	0	0
	Ditto, per Ditto, on Account Ditto,	84	8	1½
30.	<i>Isaac Vanderbeck</i> , Esquire, Collector <i>Bergen</i> , Ditto,	68	17	11
Dec. 3.	<i>Matthias Baker</i> , Esquire, late Commissioner forfeited Estates,	32	4	4
	<i>William Abbott</i> , Esquire, Collector <i>Hunterdon</i> , per <i>Joseph Higbee</i> , jun. for Goods forfeited and sold,	35	17	10
5.	<i>John Ogden</i> , Esquire, late Collector <i>Effex</i> , for Ditto,	33	17	5
	<i>Samuel Hayes</i> , Esquire, Commissioner of the Loan-Office in the County of <i>Effex</i> ,	532	5	4
	<i>Israel Heady</i> , Esquire, late Sheriff of <i>Effex</i> , on Account of Fines,	114	0	0
	<i>Henry Garritse</i> , jun. on Account of Goods forfeited and sold,	336	8	10
18.	<i>Isaac Martin</i> , Esquire, Commissioner of forfeited Estates in the County of <i>Suffex</i> ,	319	15	10
21.	<i>Kenneth Hankinson</i> , Esquire, Collector <i>Monmouth</i> , on Account Goods forfeited and sold,	772	16	11½
26.	<i>John Burrowes</i> , Esquire, Sheriff of <i>Monmouth</i> , on Account of Fines,	1337	16	10
	<i>Isaac Martin</i> , Esquire, Commissioner of forfeited Estates in <i>Suffex</i> ,	281	5	10
1783.	<i>John Stilwell</i> , Esquire, Agent for forfeited Estates in the County of <i>Monmouth</i> ,	66	18	4½
April 2.	Received of <i>Thomas Anderson</i> and <i>William Hankinson</i> , Commissioners of forfeited Estates in <i>Suffex</i> ,	170	7	5½
5.	<i>William Abbott</i> , Esquire, Collector of <i>Hunterdon</i> , on Account of Goods forfeited and sold,	141	2	5
May 15.	<i>John Conway</i> , Esquire, late Sheriff of <i>Middlesex</i> , on Account of Fines,	166	13	2½
June 20.	<i>John Stilwell</i> , Esquire, Agent of forfeited Estates in <i>Monmouth</i> ,	713	7	10½
1782.	<i>Joshua Corshon</i> , Esquire, late Sheriff of <i>Hunterdon</i> , on Account of Fines,	3	15	0
Dec. 3.				
		£. 5588	6	8½

of Soldiers Notes received from fundry Persons in Payment of publick Debts: CR.
 By Amount of fundry Notes examined and allowed, £. 5588 6 8½

£. 5588 6 8½

Trenton, December 5, 1783.

WE, the Committee of the Council and Assembly appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the above, and the several Vouchers relative thereto, do find the same to be justly stated.

JOSIAH HORNBLOWER,
 JOHN CARLE,
 BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE,
 DANIEL HENDRICKSON,
 DANIEL MARSH,
 JAMES SCHUURMAN,
 GEORGE ANDERSON. DR.

DR.		JOHN STEVENS, jun. Treasurer to the STATE of—		
	To Balance due the State on Settlement to the 12th <i>November</i> , 1782,	-	-	£. 19,387 8 10½
	To Amount received in Continental Money and Certificates, on Arrears of Taxes in Continental Currency,	-	-	206,337 4 4
1783.	Received of <i>Jaques Voorheese</i> , Esquire, Collector of <i>Somerfet</i> , on Account of Militia Fines,	-	-	235 5 11
May 2.				<hr/>
				£. 225,959 19 1½

DR.		JOHN STEVENS, jun. Treasurer to the STATE—		
	To Balance due the State on Settlement to the 12th <i>November</i> , 1782,	-	-	£. 19,327 7 10
	To Balance on Tax in State Money and Certificates, due <i>September</i> 10th, 1781,	-	-	12,343 7 0½
	To Ditto, on Tax due <i>December</i> 1st, 1781,	-	-	7838 14 11
	To Ditto, on Tax due <i>April</i> 1st, 1782,	-	-	11,731 15 1
	To Ditto, on Tax due <i>July</i> 1st, 1782,	-	-	9972 15 0
	To Ditto, on Tax in State Money due <i>October</i> 1st, 1782,	-	-	4329 7 9
	To Ditto, on Tax Ditto due <i>January</i> 1st, 1783,	-	-	2983 15 11½
	To Amount of State Money received of fundry Persons,	-	-	13,652 18 4½
	To Error in Settlement in <i>October</i> , 1781,	-	-	512 7 6

£. 82,692 9 5½

New-Jersey, Account current in Continental Money.

CR.

By Amount received in Certificates on Arrears of Taxes in Continental Currency,	-	-	-	-	-	£. 198,354	7	2
Balance due the State,	-	-	-	-	-	27,605	11	11½
						£. 225,959	19	1½

Trenton, December 5, 1783.

WE, the Committee of the Council and Assembly appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the same, do find a Balance of *Twenty-seven Thousand Six Hundred and Five Pounds Eleven Shillings and Eleven-pence Farthing*, Continental Money, remaining in the Hands of the said Treasurer, agreeably to the above Statement.

JOSIAH HORBLOWER,
JOHN CARLE,
BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE,
DANIEL HENDRICKSON,
DANIEL MARSH,
JAMES SCHUURMAN,
GEORGE ANDERSON.

of New-Jersey, Account current in State Money,

CR.

By Amount of Certificates paid in Tax, due <i>September 10, 1781,</i>	£. 9065	9	5½
By Ditto paid in Tax, due <i>December 1st, 1781,</i>	6659	16	0½
By Ditto paid in Tax, due <i>April 1st, 1782,</i>	6927	15	4½
By Ditto paid in Tax, due <i>July 1st, 1782,</i>	4975	13	10
By Amount of fundry Vouchers from No. 1 to No. 31 for Interest paid on Notes for making up Depreciation to the Army, examined and allowed,	5833	9	10½
By Amount of Ditto from No. 1 to No. 187 for Cash paid on Notes for making up Depreciation to the Army, examined and allowed,	14,566	6	5
By Amount of Ditto from No. 1 to No. 7 for Support of Government, &c. examined and allowed,	608	1	9
By Amount of Ditto from No. 1 to No. 7 for Cash paid to Superintendent of Purchases, &c. examined and allowed,	2448	12	5
By Amount of Ditto from No. 1 to No. 5 for Cash paid on Warrants of Half-Pay, examined and allowed,	191	5	0
By Cash paid for taking up a Defenter as per Voucher, examined and allowed,	19	4	0
By Amount of Bills of Credit of 9th <i>June, 1780,</i> cancelled agreeably to a Resolution of 24th <i>December, 1782.</i>			

1783. *January 9,* 23,222½*February 19,* 4629*April 1,* 3642*May 5,* 2707½*August 7,* 3484½

Dollars, 37,685³⁰/₁₀₀ equal to
Balance due the State,

14,131	19	3
16,664	16	0
£. 82,692	9	5½

Trenton, December 5, 1783.

WE, the Committee of the Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the same, and the several Vouchers relative thereto, viz. from No. 1 to No. 31, inclusive, from No. 1 to No. 187 Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 7 Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 7 Ditto, and from No. 1 to No. 5 Ditto, do find a Balance of *Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-four Pounds Sixteen Shillings*, State Money, remaining in the Hands of the said Treasurer, agreeably to the above Statement.

JOSIAH HORBLOWER,
JOHN CARLE,
BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE,
DANIEL HENDRICKSON,
DANIEL MARSH,
JAMES SCHUURMAN,
GEORGE ANDERSON.

DR.

JOHN STEVENS, jun. Treasurer to the—

To Balance due the State, on Settlement to the 12th <i>November</i> , 1782,	£. 570	12	11 $\frac{3}{4}$
To Balance on Account of Tax in Specie, due <i>September</i> 10, 1781,	2031	12	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
To Ditto, on Account of Ditto, due <i>April</i> 1st, 1782,	8093	14	6
To Ditto, on Account of Ditto, due <i>April</i> 1st, 1782, for Support of Government,	676	14	2
To Ditto, on Account of Ditto, due <i>July</i> 1st, 1782,	9241	9	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
To Ditto, on Account of Ditto, due <i>July</i> 1st, 1782, for Support of Government,	118	7	3
To Ditto, on Account of Ditto, due <i>October</i> 1st, 1782,	2453	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
To Ditto, on Account of Ditto, due <i>January</i> 1st, 1783,	2481	12	2
To Ditto, on Account of Ditto, due <i>October</i> 1st, 1783,	4296	2	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
To Ditto, on Account of Cash received of fundry Persons,	1426	14	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Balance due <i>John Stevens</i> , junior,	28	6	10 $\frac{3}{4}$

£. 31,418 8 9 $\frac{3}{4}$

Which said Accounts as reported by the Committee were read, and the further Consideration thereof postponed.

Mr. *Cooper*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Letter from *Mark Bird* and *James Wilson*, Esquires, reported as follows :

‘ **T**HAT having considered the many Advantages that would arise to the Publick if a Bridge was built over the *Delaware* at *Trenton Falls*, offer the following Resolution :

‘ *Resolved*, That Leave be given to the said *Mark Bird* and *James Wilson*, Esqrs. to bring in a Bill to take Effect when a Law of a similar Nature is passed by the State of *Pennsylvania* for building a Bridge over the River *Delaware*, and agreeably to the Proposals made by them, viz.

‘ 1st. That at their own Expence they build and keep in Repair a good and substantial Bridge.

‘ 2d. That no Injury be done to the Navigation and Fisheries of the River.

‘ 3d. That they be entitled to receive a Toll equal to the Ferriages which are now paid at the neighbouring Ferries.

‘ By Order of the Committee,

‘ JOSEPH COOPER.’

Which Report was ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House from *John Stevens*, Esquire, in Behalf of himself and other Proprietors of a Tract of Land lying in the County of *Hunterdon*, called the *Society's Tract*, praying that they may have Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting of the Legislature for appointing and empowering Commissioners to run and settle the said Line, and make the said Divisions, upon advertising in the mean Time in such Manner as the Legislature may in their Wisdom direct ;

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill at the next Sitting of

STATE of *New-Jersey*, Account current in Specie.

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By Amount of fundry Vouchers from No. 1 to No. 242, for Cash paid on Notes for making up Depreciation to the Army, examined and allowed, - - - - -	£. 7396	17	4½
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 255, for Cash paid for Support Government, &c. examined and allowed, - - - - -	9233	10	8½
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 56, for Cash paid on Warrants for Half-Pay, examined and allowed, - - - - -	1378	12	1
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 28, for Cash paid for taking up Deserters, examined and allowed, - - - - -	201	11	3
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 37, for Cash paid for Wood furnished the Troops stationed on the Frontiers, examined and allowed, - - - - -	97	7	9
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 32, for Cash paid to Superintendent Purchases, Paymasters, &c. examined and allowed, - - - - -	5373	18	1
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 160, for Interest paid on Notes for making up Depreciation to the Army, examined and allowed, - - - - -	6690	12	9½
By Amount of Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 144, for Cash paid to Invalids, examined and allowed, - - - - -	487	10	0
By Cash paid Lieutenants <i>Abraham Martin</i> and <i>John Peck</i> , Paymasters of 1st and 2d <i>Jersey</i> Regiments, as per Pay-Rolls per Resolve of 3d October, 1782, - - - - -	89	17	6
By Ditto paid Lieutenant <i>William Pennington</i> , Amount of Pay Abstracts, &c. per Resolve of 12th November, 1782, - - - - -	165	12	6
By Ditto paid Captain <i>James Bonnel</i> for Provisions, &c. by a Resolve of the 18th November, 1782, - - - - -	302	18	9
	£. 31,418	8	9½

Trenton, December 5, 1783.

WE, the Committee of the Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the same, and the several Vouchers relative thereto, viz. from No. 1 to No. 242, inclusive, from No. 1 to No. 255 Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 56 Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 28 Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 37 Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 32 Ditto, from No. 1 to No. 160 Ditto, and from No. 1 to No. 144 Ditto, do find a Balance of *Twenty-eight Pounds Six Shillings and Ten-pence Three Farthings*, Specie, due from the State to the said *John Stevens*, jun. agreeably to the above Statement.

JOSIAH HORNELOWER,
JOHN CARLE,
GEORGE ANDERSON,
BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE,
DANIEL HENDRICKSON,
DANIEL MARSH,
JAMES SCHUURMAN.

of the Legislature, agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition, upon advertising his Intention and the Purport of the Petition in the publick News-Papers of this State, for at least six Weeks previous to the Meeting of the Legislature.

The Speaker laid before the House a Bond from *James Mott*, junior, Esquire, Treasurer, with Sureties for the faithful Execution of his Office as Treasurer;

Resolved, That the same is satisfactory.

Ordered, That Mr. *Norris* do carry the said Bond to the Council with the above Resolution for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Carle.

Council-Chamber, December 6, 1783.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Amendments made to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act to suspend the Sales of Real Estates which have, or hereafter may, become forfeited to, and vested in, this State; and also to direct the Agents in the respective Counties in this State to proceed to the Sales of said Estates*, and disagreed to by the House of Assembly;

Resolved, That the House adhere to their said Amendments.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

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Mr. Norris reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds in the State of New-Jersey, for the Support of Government, and the contingent Expences for the Year 1784*; and, after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to the Committee who reported the same, and that they proceed to proportion the said Sum amongst the several Counties according to the latest Documents in their Possession.

The House adjourned till *Monday Morning* nine of the Clock.

Monday, December 8, 1783.

The House met.

Mr. *Henderson* returned and took his Seat.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from *John Witherspoon*, Esquire, informing the House that his Business calls him to go to *Europe*; and informing the House he could no longer attend, and praying Leave to resign his Seat in the House;

Ordered, That his Resignation be accepted.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue a Warrant to the High Sheriff of the County of *Somerset*, requiring him to hold an Election in the said County, agreeably to Law, for the Choice of a Representative for the said County in General Assembly, in the Room of the said *John Witherspoon*, Esquire, during the Remainder of the present Year.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable James Parker, one of the Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Doctor Lewis Johnson, deceased, in Conjunction with Bowes Reed, to fulfil the Purposes of the said Will*, was read a second Time, and ordered to be read a third Time.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for vesting in Guiliam Demarest, the Real Estate of David G. Demarest, a Fugitive from this State*, was read a second Time, and ordered to be referred to the next Sitting.

A Petition from *John Katcham*, of the County of *Hunterdon*, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Clark*, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal the three several Acts therein after mentioned*, which was ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable Abraham Schuyler, Esquire, now Sheriff of the County of Middlesex, and his Successors in Office, and Robert Stockton, Esq. late Sheriff of the County of Somerset, to sell such Part of the Personal and Real Estate late of Philip French, of New-Brunswick, deceased, as may be necessary to satisfy certain Executions levied on the said Estates by Isaac Bonnel, Esquire, late Sheriff of the said County of Middlesex*, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. *Schuurman* and *Henderson*.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*.

Council-Chamber, December 6, 1783.

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Bond given by *James Mott*, Treasurer of the State, with Security in the Sum of *Twenty Thousand Pounds* for the due Execution of his Office;

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

The Bill, intituled, *An Act providing for the equal Distribution of the Money directed to be raised for paying one Year's Interest on Loan-Office Certificates, and other liquidated Debts, and making further Provision for completing such Payment*, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. *Clark* and *Henderson*.

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The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Henderson*, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to direct the Agents of forfeited Estates in the respective Counties in this State, to proceed to the Sale of said Estates; and to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act to suspend the Sales of Real Estates which have, or hereafter may, become forfeited to, and vested in, this State, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.*

A Petition from *Richard Wall*, of the County of *Monmouth*, was read, and ordered to be read a second Time, when a Bill shall be presented to the House, agreeably to the Order of the House, on the Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington*, of the 28th of May last.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to release Humphry Wall from the Payment of a Sum of publick Money taken by Robbers*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal the three several Acts therein after mentioned*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation of Juries*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, December 9, 1783.

The House met.

Joseph Ellis, Esquire, returned a Representative for the County of *Gloucester*, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, he took his Seat.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal the three several Acts therein after mentioned*, was read and compared,

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to release Humphry Wall from the Payment of a Sum of publick Money taken by Robbers*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Boyd</i> ,
Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	Mr. <i>Carritse</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Anderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,
Mr. <i>Randolph</i> ,	Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hildreth</i> ,
Mr. <i>Hendrickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Norris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,
Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,
Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,			Mr. <i>Dickerson</i> .

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation of Juries*, was read and compared,

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable James Parker, one of the Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Doctor Lewis Johnson, deceased, in Conjunction with Bowes Reed, to fulfil the Purposes of the Will*, was read a third Time,

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the four last mentioned Bills.

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Ordered, That Mr. *Ellis* do carry the said Bills to Council, and request their Concurrence in the three first mentioned Bills, and acquaint them that the last mentioned Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. *Ellis* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Accounts of the Treasurer as reported by the Committee appointed to settle the same; on the Question, Whether the House allow the said Accounts as reported by the Committee? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Covenhoven</i> ,	Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,
Mr. <i>Boyd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Norris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hildreth</i> ,
Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marlb</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Anderfon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dickerfon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> .
Mr. <i>Henderfon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ellis</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .	
Mr. <i>Hendrickfon</i> ,			

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

A Petition from *Margaret Mulford* was read, and ordered to be filed.

Mr. *Henderfon*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *An Act providing for the equal Distribution of the Money directed to be raised for paying one Year's Interest on Loan-Office Certificates, and other liquidated Debts, and making further Provision for completing such Payment*, reported the same with sundry Amendments; and, after having gone through the said Bill as amended,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Fell*.

' Council-Chamber, December 9, 1783.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Auditor's Statement of sundry Accounts, together with sundry Resolutions accompanying the same, sent from the House of Assembly on *Saturday* last, for the Concurrence of this House;

' Resolved, That the House do concur therein.'

Ordered, That Mr. *Starke* do wait upon the Council, and acquaint them that this House desire a Conference with Council in Committees of the whole of both Houses, relative to the Claim of this State to Jurisdiction in and over a certain District, at present under the Jurisdiction of the State of *New-York*; and that the Council be requested to appoint the Time and Place for holding such Conference.

The Auditor attended the House, and produced the Account of Colonel *Benoni Hathaway*, for taking Charge of the Magazine at *Morristown*, belonging to this State, receiving and issuing the Ammunition, and for Expences attending the same, in Virtue of a Resolution of the Legislature of the 12th *December*, 1778; by which it appears there is due to the said Colonel *Hathaway*, the Sum of *One Hundred and Twenty-one Pounds Four Shillings and Two-pence*;

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to the said Colonel *Benoni Hathaway*, or his Order, the above Sum of £. 121 4 2, out of any unappropriated Monies in his Hands; and that the Receipt of the said Colonel *Hathaway* be a sufficient Voucher to the said Treasurer for so much of the publick Money in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered, That Mr. *Starke* do carry the said Account and Resolution to the Council for their Allowance and Concurrence.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, December 10, 1783.

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The House met.

Mr. *Starke* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day on the Hearing of the Petitioners for and against the Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending and confirming the Charter of the two United Protestant Dutch Churches of Hackinsack and Schralenburgh, in the County of Bergen, and State of New-Jersey*; the Petitioners for the said Bill attended the House, and produced a Witness who testified on Oath that he had served the Copy of the Order of the House of the 29th Ultimo on one of the Petitioners against the said Bill, and no Person attending to oppose the said Bill; Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure an Estimate of the Sums due the Militia, and Troops who have been raised for the Defence of the Frontiers of this State, and to provide for the Settlement of the same*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to direct the Agents of forfeited Estates in the respective Counties in this State to proceed to the Sale of said Estates; and to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act to suspend the Sales of Real Estates which have, or hereafter may, become forfeited to, and vested in, this State*, was read a second Time. An Amendment was moved to the third Section to insert after *Surplus Certificates* the following Words: *And Loan-Office Certificates*; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Negative.

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Tucker*, seconded by Mr. *Tenbroeck*:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Covenhoven</i> ,	Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,
Mr. <i>Boyd</i> ,	Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Randolph</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,
Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dickerson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Anderfon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Norris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> ,
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ellis</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hildreth</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> .
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Henderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Hendrickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .		

A Motion was made by Mr. *Tucker*, seconded by Mr. *Van-Campen*, to insert in the third Section after the Words *Gold and Silver: And the Bills of Credit, issued on the Faith of this State, as three is to one*; on the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,
Mr. <i>Boyd</i> ,	Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,
Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Randolph</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Anderfon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ellis</i> ,	Mr. <i>Norris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> ,
Mr. <i>Henderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .
Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hildreth</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Covenhoven</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dickerson</i> .		

The House having gone through the said Bill,
Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to appropriate such Fines as may be levied at the several Courts in this State, for the Space of two Years, to the Benefit of the College of New-Jersey*, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Hornblower*.

‘ Council-Chamber, December 10, 1783.

‘ THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Treasurer to pay to *Benoni Hathaway*, £. 121 4 2;

‘ Resolved, That the House do concur therein.’

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A Petition from *George Beatty* and *John Burrowes* was read, praying that they may have Leave to present a Bill to authorize them to build a floating Bridge over the River *Delaware*, near *Trenton*, and empower them to ask a Toll of the Persons who may cross the same equal to Half the Amount of what is paid at the neighbouring Ferries ;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

The Governor laid before the House a Letter from *St. John de Crevaveur*, His Most Christian Majesty's Consul for *New-Jersey*, dated at *New-York* the 26th of *November*, 1783, informing that the Minister who is at the Head of the Nurseries and botanical Gardens in *France*, has ordered him, in His Majesty's Name, to acquaint His Excellency the Governor, that if the Executive Power of the State of *New-Jersey* form an Establishment of a botanical Garden for the Cultivation of the useful and curious Productions in *America*, His Majesty, anxiously desirous in every Way to give Proofs of his great Attachment to the United States of *America*, has given Directions to the said Minister to send, at His Majesty's Expence, from his Royal Garden, every Species of Seeds and Plants that the Directors of the botanical Garden in *New-Jersey* may wish to have ; which Letter being read,

Ordered, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to acquaint Mr. *Crevaveur* that this House entertain a grateful Sense of His Most Christian Majesty's Attachment to the United States of *America*, and the particular Regard he hath manifested for this State, in the generous Offers mentioned in said Letter ; and are greatly obliged to Mr. *Crevaveur* for the polite Manner in which he hath communicated the same ; and to assure him that whenever this State hath formed an Establishment of a botanical Garden, His Most Christian Majesty's gracious Offer will be gratefully accepted.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm to Rebecca Elliot, her Heirs and Assigns, a Tract of Land, situate in the County of Monmouth* ; and, having gone through and debated the same by Paragraphs,

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum, &c.* was read a second Time, and debated by Paragraphs ; and, the House having gone through the same, on the Question, Whether the said Bill be engrossed ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Randolph</i> ,	Mr. <i>Anderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,
Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,	Mr. <i>Henderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Norris</i> ,
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hendrickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ellis</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dickerson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .	Mr. <i>Borven</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,			Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> .

The House adjourned till *Friday* Morning nine o'Clock.

Friday, *December* 12, 1783.

The House met.

Two Petitions from a Number of Merchants, and other Inhabitants of this State, praying, for Reasons therein stated, that every Encouragement in the Power of the Legislature may be given to Commerce, was presented and read ; whereupon,

Ordered, That the same be committed to Messrs. *Henderson*, *Schuurman* and *Cooper*, and that they report their Opinion thereon to the House.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Gloucester* was read, praying that they may have Leave to present a Bill to declare *Alantau* Creek a legal Fence from *Delaware* River to the upper End of the Landing, commonly called *Hinchman's Landing*;

Ordered, That they have Leave to present a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising their Intention and the Purport of their Petition in three of the most publick Places in the Townships most contiguous to the Place on said Creek, where the same is to be declared a lawful Fence, for at least three Weeks previous thereto; and that they be served with a Copy of this Order.

Two Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Gloucester*, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that Laws may be enacted to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadows in the Town of *Gloucester*, and Township of *Waterford*, in the County of *Gloucester*, to improve the said Meadows at the common Expence of the Owners thereof, were presented and read; whereupon,

Ordered, That Messrs. *Cooper*, *Shreve* and *Norris*, be a Committee to prepare the Draught of a Bill to answer the Prayer of the said Petitioners, and also to provide in general for the Improvement of Meadows by said Bill.

A Petition from *John Cooper*, Esquire, and others of the Town of *Woodbury*, in the County of *Gloucester*, was presented and read, praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that the Legislature will not make any Compensation to *Thomas Clifford*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, for Damages alledged to have been sustained by the said *Thomas Clifford*, in the Removal of a Dwellinghouse, for the Purpose of straightening and widening the Road and Street in and near the Town of *Woodbury*;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time when the said *Thomas Clifford* lays an Estimate of said Damages before the House, as directed in an Order of the House of the 10th of *June* last.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Manning*.

Ordered, *Council-Chamber, December 10, 1783.*
THAT Mr. *Manning* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation at Bedminster, in the Counties of Somerset and Hunterdon*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

Ordered, *Council-Chamber, December 12, 1783.*
THAT Mr. *Manning* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Support of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, to commence the 14th Day of October, 1783, and to end the second Tuesday in October, 1784*; and the Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for granting an annual Salary to the Secretary of this State, in Lieu of his Fees on the Commissions of Justices, Coroners and Militia Officers*, are unanimously rejected by this House.

Two Petitions from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Essex*, and sundry Merchants and Traders in the different Parts of this State, were read, praying that some Mode may be taken by the Legislature to encourage Trade and Commerce, and to shorten Suits at Law;

Ordered, That such Parts of the said Petitions as respect Trade be committed to the Committee to whom was committed the Petitions first read this Morning; and that such Parts as respect shortening Suits at Law, be read a second Time with the Bill before the House for that Purpose.

Ordered, That Messrs. *Van-Cleve*, *Hendrickson*, *Schuurman*, *Anderfon*, *Marsh* and *Cook*, be a Committee to join a Committee of Council, finally to settle the late Treasurer's Accounts, count the Money remaining in his Hands, burn the cancelled and other State Bills of Credit, and Surplus Certificates, and make an accurate Invoice of all Monies in his Hands, together with all Documents and

Moveables belonging to the Publick, that the Legislature may make Order thereon; and that Mr. *Van-Cleve* do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for that Purpose.

A Petition from *Robert Glafs* was read, setting forth that he had devoted all his Services to the Publick, for which he had received Certificates; that he cannot command Money for them, and is harassed with Prosecutions for private Contracts, &c.

Ordered, That the said Petition be committed to the Committee to whom was committed the Bill for the Relief of Officers and Soldiers who have served during the late War, in the Service of the United States.

Ordered, That Messrs. *Van-Cleve*, *Combs* and Col. *Shreve*, be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill to authorize proper Persons in the respective Counties in this State, where the Barracks are situated to sell the same.

Agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature at their last Sitting, appointing *James Ewing* and *Samuel Tucker*, Esquires, to cancel the State Money, Mr. *Tucker* reported an Account of the same, as follows, viz.

Number and Denominations of the Bills cancelled.

No. of the Bundles.	Bills of 20 Dollars.	Bills of 8 Dollars.	Bills of 7 Dollars.	Bills of 5 Dollars.	Bills of 4 Dollars.	Bills of 3 Dollars.	Bills of 2 Dollars.	Bills of 1 Dollar.	Interest in Dollars and Ninetieths.	Amount in Dollars and Ninetieths.
22	52	66	65	69	72	52	49	64		2974
23	6	4	3	8	8	10	7	18	23 79	330 79
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SAMUEL TUCKER,
JAMES EWING.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Cooper*, with Leave, presented a Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Petty's Island, situate in the River Delaware, in the County of Gloucester, to appoint Persons vested with proper Power, for the well Improvement of the said Island*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Hunterdon* was read, and ordered to be filed.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Essex* was read, praying that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors*, may be repealed; also the Petition of the same Import, which was read on the 27th Ultimo, was read a second Time; whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to the next Sitting.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending and confirming the Charter of the two United Protestant Dutch Churches of Hackinsack and Schralenburgh, in the County of Bergen, and State of New-Jersey*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm to Rebecca Elliot, her Heirs and Assigns, a Tract of Land, situate in the County of Monmouth*, was read and compared;

Resolved,

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure an Estimate of the Sums due the Militia, and Troops who have been raised for the Defence of the Frontiers of this State, and to provide for the Settlement of the same*, was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to direct the Agents of forfeited Estates in the respective Counties in this State, to proceed to the Sale of said Estates ; and to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act to suspend the Sales of Real Estates which have, or hereafter may, become forfeited to, and vested in, this State*, was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.

Mr. Blanch,
Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Dey,
Mr. Garritse,
Mr. Marsh,
Mr. Clark,
Mr. Combs
Mr. Henderson,

Yeas.

Mr. Hendrickson,
Mr. Covenhoven,
Mr. Bunn,
Mr. Tenbroeck,
Col. Shreve,
Mr. Shreve,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Cooper,

Yeas.

Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Hildreth,
Mr. Van-Cleve,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Starke,
Mr. Dickerson,
Mr. Bozven,
Mr. Hankinon.

Nays.

Mr. Schuurman,
Mr. Randolph,
Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Norris,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Van-Campen.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act providing for the more equitable Distribution of the Money directed to be raised for paying one Year's Interest on Loan-Office Certificates, and other liquidated Debts, and making further Provision for completing such Payment*, was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.

Mr. Blanch,
Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Dey,
Mr. Garritse,
Mr. Marsh,
Mr. Clark,
Mr. Combs,
Mr. Schuurman,

Yeas.

Mr. Randolph,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Hendrickson,
Mr. Covenhoven,
Mr. Bunn,
Mr. Tenbroeck,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Cooper,

Yeas.

Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Van-Cleve,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Starke,
Mr. Dickerson,
Mr. Van-Campen,
Mr. Hankinon.

Nays.

Col. Shreve,
Mr. Shreve,
Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Norris,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Hildreth,
Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Bozven,
Mr. Ewing.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said five Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Van-Cleve do carry the last mentioned five Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Lawrence.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, December 12, 1783.

THAT Mr. Lawrence do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House will be ready to go into a Conference with them for the Purpose mentioned in their Message by Mr. Starke of the 9th Instant, on Monday Afternoon next five o'Clock, at the House of Mr. Witt.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, December 13, 1783.

The House met.

Mr. Van-Cleve reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Petty's Island, situate in the River Delaware, in the County of Gloucester, to appoint Persons vested with proper Powers for the well Improvement of the said Island*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from sundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Cumberland, praying a Law may pass to establish publick Fairs in the Town of Greenwich, in said County, was read a second Time, and ordered to be filed. The

The Petition from *Cumberland*, read on the 4th *November* last, respecting Foreigners fishing and oystering in the Frontiers of said County, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Petition from *John Mercer*, read on the 10th *November* last, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

A Petition from the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows, lying on *Little Timber Creek*, in the County of *Gloucester*, was read, praying that they may have Leave to present a Supplement to amend a Law passed to empower the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows on the said Creek, to erect Dams, Banks and Waterworks, to prevent the Tide from overflowing the said Meadows ;

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertizing their Intention and the Purport of their Petition, for at least one Week previous thereto, in the Town of *Gloucester*.

The House adjourned till *Monday Morning* nine of the Clock.

Monday, December 15, 1783.

The House met.

Mr. *Henderson*, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for granting an annual Salary to the Secretary of this State, in Lieu of his Fees on the Commissions of Justices, Coroners and Militia Officers, and to make more proper Provision for defraying the Expences of granting said Commissions*, which was ordered a second Reading.

Three Messages from the Council by Mr. *Martin*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, December 13, 1783.

‘ **T**HAT Mr. *Hornblower*, Mr. *Carle* and Mr. *Clark*, be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, for the Purpose of finally settling the late Treasurer’s Accounts, and other Purposes mentioned in their Message by Mr. *Van-Cleve*.’

Resolved,

‘ **T**HAT the Attorney General of this State be directed to recover from *Samuel Tucker*, Esquire, late Treasurer of the Provincial Congress, the Sum of *Five Thousand Eight Hundred Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Three-pence*, being the Balance due the State, as stated in the Journals of the 17th Day of *February*, 1777, or such Part thereof as may appear to be due from the said Mr. *Tucker*, and to pay the same into the Hands of the Treasurer of the State for the Time being.’

Which Resolution was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered,

‘ **T**HAT Mr. *Martin* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey, and Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States*, with the Amendments made thereto by this House, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments; and also acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation of Jurics*, is passed by this House without Amendment.’

The Amendments to the above Bill, having been read in their Places, were severally agreed to by the House;

Ordered, That the said Bill be re-engrossed with the said Amendments.

Mr. *Van-Cleve*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for selling the several Barracks within the State of New-Jersey*, which was ordered a second Reading.

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Mr. *Henderson*, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to ascertain the Salaries of the several Officers of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, and to provide for supporting the Government of said State for one Year, to commence the fourteenth Day of October, 1783, and to end the second Tuesday in October, 1784*, which was ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *Richard Green* was read, stating Objections against *Mark Bird* and *James Wilson* having Permission to build a Bridge over the River *Delaware* near *Trenton*;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time, when a Bill shall be presented to empower the said *Mark Bird* and *James Wilson* to erect a Bridge.

Two Petitions from the County of *Hunterdon*, and one from the County of *Somerset*, were read, praying that Money may be emitted on Loan;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to the next Sitting.

Two Petitions from the County of *Hunterdon*, and one from *Somerset*, were read, remonstrating against the Commutation granted by Congress to the Officers of the Army, and praying that this State would grant no Money to Congress to be applied for that Purpose;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

Mr. *Combs*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for better securing the Attendance of Witnesses in the several County Courts, and before Justices of the Peace*, which was read, and ordered to be referred to the next Sitting.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for granting an annual Salary to the Secretary of this State, in Lieu of his Fees on the Commissions of Justices, Coroners and Militia Officers, and to make more proper Provision for defraying the Expences of granting said Commissions*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to five o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Conference with Council, and, having returned, the Speaker informed the House that the Conferrees had come to a Resolution, which he was desired to report to this House, and which was as follows:

THAT the Joint-Committee, upon considering the Claim of this State to the Jurisdiction of *Staten Island*, now in the Possession of the State of *New-York*, had agreed that it be recommended to both Houses to concur in the Appointment of a Committee, consisting of one Member of the Council, and two of the House of Assembly, to make further Inquiry into the Right of this State to the Jurisdiction aforesaid, and collect such Documents as they may be able to procure respecting the same, and make Report to both Houses at the next Meeting of the Legislature; and that the Honourable *Josiah Hornblower*, Esquire, and *Abraham Clark* and *Adam Boyd*, Esquires, compose the said Committee;

To which the House agreed.

A Petition from *John M'Cluer*, late a Soldier, was read, and ordered a second Reading with a Bill for selling the Barracks.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, December 16, 1783.

The House met.

A Petition was presented and read from *Elias Brevoort*, late a Quartermaster to the Detachment of State Troops commanded by Major *Goetschues*, setting forth that he had engaged in the said Service with the Assurance of the established Pay

of a Quartermaster, and was included in the Payroll accordingly, but that the Auditor of Accounts of this State had disallowed the said Payroll; and also a Certificate from the said Major *Goetschues*, in Confirmation of the above Facts, and stating the Reasons for the said Appointment, were read; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Auditor of Accounts be directed to allow the Pay to the said Quartermaster *Elias Brevoort*, as stipulated by the said Major *Goetschues*, and pay the Payroll with the same included accordingly;

Ordered, That Mr. *Hildreth* do carry the said Petition and above Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Schuurman*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Sale of the Estate of Philip French, late of New-Brunswick, in the County of Somerset, deceased, or of such Part thereof as may be necessary to satisfy certain Executions levied thereon*, reported the same with sundry Amendments, which was further amended in the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Cooper*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners of Meadow Ground to drain the same*, which was ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Ewing*, from the Committee appointed to settle what Proportion of Tax shall be quotaed to the several Counties in this State, reported as follows:

THAT, for Want of the Abstracts and Duplicates from the several Counties, it is not in the Power of the Committee to make a just and equal Settlement of the Quotas, but that the Committee have calculated the Proportion of Tax to be paid by each County for the ensuing Year, at the Average Sums between the Quotas as settled in the Year 1769, and the Quotas of the Year 1782, as a temporary Settlement for the Taxes to be levied the ensuing Year; and that the Proportion to be paid by each respective County in the £. 10,000 is as follows:

By the County of <i>Bergen</i> , the Sum of	-	-	-	£. 590	13	8½
By the County of <i>Essex</i> ,	-	-	-	734	16	0½
By the County of <i>Middlesex</i> ,	-	-	-	815	19	0
By the County of <i>Monmouth</i> ,	-	-	-	1023	1	4½
By the County of <i>Somerset</i> ,	-	-	-	883	1	0
By the County of <i>Morris</i> ,	-	-	-	774	16	2½
By the County of <i>Burlington</i> ,	-	-	-	1049	5	5½
By the County of <i>Gloucester</i> ,	-	-	-	787	19	7½
By the County of <i>Salem</i> ,	-	-	-	679	10	11½
By the County of <i>Cape-May</i> ,	-	-	-	187	9	0
By the County of <i>Cumberland</i> ,	-	-	-	417	13	4
By the County of <i>Hunterdon</i> ,	-	-	-	1359	1	8
By the County of <i>Suffex</i> ,	-	-	-	696	12	8

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And in the same Proportion for any greater or lesser Sum.

Signed in Behalf of the Committee,
To which the House agreed.

JOSHUA EWING.

A Petition from *John Rucastle*, a Lieutenant, and *Ephraim Whitlock*, a Lieutenant and Adjutant, in the late first *Jersey* Regiment, was read, setting forth, that they had lost the Three-Quarter Notes given them for the Depreciation of their Pay; and also a Note given *Joseph Write*, a Private, for the like Purpose; and praying that the Legislature will give Orders for the Renewal of said Notes;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be committed to Mr. *Henderson* and Mr. *Marsh*, and that they bring in a Bill to answer the Prayer of the Petitioners.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to ascertain the Salaries of the several Officers of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, and to provide for supporting the Government of said State for one Year, to commence the fourteenth Day of October, 1783, and to end*
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the second Tuesday in October, 1784, was read a second Time; on the Question, What the Chief-Justice shall be allowed per Annum? It was carried as follows:

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Loyd.

For £. 300.	For £. 300.	For £. 300.	For £. 325.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Blanch,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Norris,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Dickerson,	Mr. Dey,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hildreth,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Marsh,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Henderfon,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Van-Campen,	Mr. Hendrickson,
Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Covenhoven,
Mr. Shreve,			Col. Shreve,
			Mr. Anderson,
			Mr. Cooper,
			Mr. Ellis,
			Mr. Maxwell.

On the Question, What the second Justice of the Supreme Court shall have per Annum? It was carried as follows:

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Loyd.

For £. 125.	For £. 125.	For £. 150.	For £. 100.
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Norris,	Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Hildreth,	Mr. Dey,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Schuurman,	
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Dickerson,	Mr. Henderfon,	
Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Hendrickson,	
Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Van-Campen,	Mr. Covenhoven,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Bunn,	
Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Maxwell.	Col. Shreve,	
		Mr. Cooper,	
		Mr. Ellis,	
		Mr. Cook,	
		Mr. Starke.	

On the Question, What the third Justice shall have per Annum? It was carried as follows:

For £. 125.	For £. 125.	For £. 125.	For £. 150.	For £. 100.
Mr. Blanch,	Col. Shreve,	Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Dey,	Mr. Van-Cleve,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Dickerson,	Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Hendrickson,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Van-Campen,	Mr. Covenhoven,	
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Norris,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Bunn,	
Mr. Henderfon,	Mr. Hildreth,	Mr. Maxwell.	Mr. Ellis,	
Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Lambert,		Mr. Starke.	

On the Question, What Sum shall be allowed the Members of Council and Assembly per Day? It was carried as follows:

For 10s.	For 10s.	For 10s.	For 8s.
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Covenhoven,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Schuurman,
Mr. Boyd,	Col. Shreve,	Mr. Hildreth,	Mr. Randolph,
Mr. Dey,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Bunn,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Tenbroeck,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Van-Campen,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Van-Cleve,
Mr. Henderfon,	Mr. Norris,	Mr. Maxwell.	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Hendrickson,			

The House having gone through the said Bill,
Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Clark.

*Ordered,**Council-Chamber, December 16, 1783.*

THAT Mr. Clark do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to release Humphry Wall from the Payment of a Sum of publick Money taken by Robbers*; the Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend and confirm the Charter of the two United Protestant Dutch Churches of Hackin-sack and Schralenburgh, in the County of Bergen, and State of New-Jersey*; and the Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm to Rebecca Elliot, her Heirs and Assigns, a Tract of Land, situate in the County of Monmouth*, are passed by this House without Amendment.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Election of Members of the Legislative-Council and Assembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of New-Jersey, and of Delegates to represent the said State in the Congress of the United States*, was read and compared;

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Covenhoven do wait on the Council with the said Bill, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House with their Amendments.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Sale of the Estate of Philip French, late of New-Brunswick, in the County of Somerset, deceased, or of such Part thereof as may be necessary to satisfy certain Executions levied thereon*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for granting an annual Salary to the Secretary of this State, in Lieu of his Fees on the Commissions of Justices, Coroners and Militia Officers, and to make more proper Provision for defraying the Expence of granting said Commissions*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Covenhoven do carry to the Council the said Bills for Concurrence.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Petty's Island, situate in the River Delaware, in the County of Gloucester, to appoint Persons vested with proper Powers for the well Improvement of the said Island*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum, for the Term of Twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the eighteenth Day of April, 1783, and for appropriating the same*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Henderson,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Norris,
Mr. Dey,	Mr. Hendrickson,	Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Covenhoven,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Hildreth,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Combs,	Col. Shreve,	Mr. Bowen.	Mr. Dickerson,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Shreve,		Mr. Ewing,
			Mr. Van-Campen,
			Mr. Maxwell.

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The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to ascertain the Salaries of the several Officers of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, and to provide for supporting the Government of said State for one Year, to commence the fourteenth Day of October, 1783, and to end the second Tuesday in October, 1784*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Clark do carry the said Bills to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Covenhoven reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Wednesday, December 17, 1783.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, in the State of New-Jersey, for the Support of Government, and the contingent Expences for the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-four*; and, after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to Mr. Clark and Mr. Schuurman.

Mr. Hildreth reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Tallman.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, December 16, 1783.

THAT Mr. Tallman do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to direct the Agent of forfeited Estates in the respective Counties in this State, to proceed to the Sale of said Estates, and to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act to suspend the Sales of Real Estates which have, or hereafter may, become forfeited to, and vested in this State*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, in Gold or Silver, to redeem the Sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds, in the Bills of Credit of this State*.

A Motion was made by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Boyd, to strike out the following Words in the Title of said Bill, *viz. In Gold or Silver, to redeem the Sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds*; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Garritse,	Mr. Baker,	Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Covenhoven,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Hildreth,	Mr. Boyd,	Col. Shreve,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Dey,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Marsb,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Henderson,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Hendrickson,	Mr. Dickerfon.
Mr. Anderfon,	Mr. Van-Campen,		
Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Hankinson,		
Mr. Norris,	Mr. Maxwell.		

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the Title of the said Bill? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

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Yeas.

Yeas.

Mr. Garritse,
Mr. Combs,
Mr. Schuurman,
Mr. Randolph,
Mr. Bunn,
Mr. Tenbroeck,
Mr. Shreve,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Norris,
Mr. Baker,

Yeas.

Mr. Hildreth,
Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Van-Cleve,
Mr. Dickerson,
Mr. Boaven,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Van-Campen,
Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. Maxwell.

Nays.

Mr. Blanch,
Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Dey,
Mr. Marsh,
Mr. Clark,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Hendrickson,

Nays.

Mr. Covenhoven,
Col. Shreve,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Starke.

The House having gone through the said Bill,
Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

A Memorial and Petition from Colonel *George Morgan*, of this State, in Behalf of himself and others, Proprietors of a Tract of Land on the River *Ohio*, called *Indiana*, was presented and read, setting forth the great Inconveniencies they labour under relative to the said Tract of Land, being unjustly detained from them by the Commonwealth of *Virginia*; and praying that the said *George Morgan* may be appointed Agent on the Part of this State, to apply to Congress for the Settlement of the said Dispute, agreeably to the Articles of Confederation; whereupon,

Resolved, That the said Colonel *George Morgan* be, and he is hereby nominated and appointed the lawful Agent of the State of *New-Jersey*, for the express Purpose of preparing and presenting to Congress a Memorial or Petition on the Part and in Behalf of this State, representing the Matter complained of in his Memorial to the Legislature, to pray for a Hearing and to prosecute the said Hearing to issue in the Mode pointed out by the Articles of Confederation; and that a Commission be issued by the Executive Authority of this State to the said Colonel *George Morgan*, for the above Purposes;

Resolved, That the above-mentioned Commission to Colonel *George Morgan* be suspended until he shall give a Bond with sufficient Security to the Treasurer of this State, in the Sum of *Two Thousand Pounds*, to indemnify this State from all Costs and Charges that may arise and accrue by Means of the aforesaid Prosecution;

Ordered, That Mr. *Boyd* do carry the said Memorial and Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

A Petition from *Christopher Colles* was read, accompanied with Proposals for publishing by Subscription a new and correct Draught of all the cross Roads in the State of *New-Jersey*, in the Manner of *Ogilby's English Roads*; and praying that the Legislature would enable him to prosecute the Business by assisting him with a Horse and Carriage, the Value of which he would return to the State after completing the Business;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

Ordered, That Mr. *Shreve* have Leave of Absence on special Business.

A Petition from Major-General *Nathaniel Green* was read, setting forth, that he had purchased two Lots of Salt-Meadow, lying in the County of *Bergen*, from one of the Commissioners of forfeited Estates of said County; that the Commissioner who sold the same to him is since dead, and praying for a Title to the said Lots;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

Mr. *Clark* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners of Meadow Ground to drain the same*, was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Boyd* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Holmes.

‘ Council-Chamber, December 17, 1783.

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to appointing Colonel *George Morgan* Agent of the State of *New-Jersey*, for the Purpose of preparing and presenting a Memorial to Congress in Behalf of the *Indiana Company*, &c.

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

Ordered, That Mr. *Covenhoven* have Leave of Absence during the Remainder of the Sitting.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, in the State of New-Jersey, for the Support of Government, and the contingent Expences for the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-four*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for selling the several Barracks within the State of New-Jersey, and the House erected for the Secretary's Office in Perth-Amboy*, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Thursday, December 18, 1783.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Carle.

‘ Council-Chamber, December 18, 1783.

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Auditor of Accounts to allow *Elias Brevoort* his Pay, as Quartermaster to the Detachment of Troops commanded by Major *Goetschues* ;

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

A Message from the Council by Mr. Ogden.

‘ *Ordered*,*Council-Chamber, December 18, 1783.*

‘ **T**HAT Mr. *Ogden* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to ascertain the Salaries of the several Officers of the Government of the State of New-Jersey, and to provide for the Support of the Government of said State for one Year, to commence the 14th Day of October, 1783, and to end the second Tuesday in October, 1784*, is passed by this House.’

The House resumed the Consideration of the Message from the Council by Mr. *Martin* of the 12th Instant, and the Resolution therein contained, relative to the Prosecution of *Samuel Tucker*, Esquire ; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Resolution ? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	Mr. <i>Boyd</i> ,
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Norris</i> .	Mr. <i>Dickerson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hildreth</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Henderson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Randolph</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hendrickson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,
Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,
			Mr. <i>Ellis</i> .

Ordered, That Mr. *Hankinson* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the said Resolution is rejected by this House.

The Petition from Major-General *Green* was read, respecting a Title to Meadow by him purchased from one of the Commissioners of forfeited Estates of the County of *Bergen* ;

Resolved, That in the Opinion of this House the Law of this State is sufficient

ent to enable the late Commissioners of forfeited Estates of the County of *Bergen* to grant Deeds and Conveyances for Lands sold by them or any of them, upon the Purchaser' fulfilling the Conditions of Sale.

Mr. *Hankinson* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday, December 19, 1783.

The House met.

The Petition from *Christopher Colles* was read a second Time, and ordered to be filed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners of Meadow Ground to drain the same*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, in the State of New-Jersey, for the Support of Government, and the contingent Expences for the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-four*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Henderson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Boyd</i> ,	Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hendrickson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,	Mr. <i>Anderfon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> .
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ellis</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dickerson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Norris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Randolph</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hildreth</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Burn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .	

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, in Gold or Silver, to redeem the Sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds, in the Bills of Credit of this State*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Boyd</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Norris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Randolph</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,
Mr. <i>Burn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hildreth</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Henderson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .	Mr. <i>Hendrickson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Anderfon</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,		Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,
			Mr. <i>Ellis</i> ,
			Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,
			Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,
			Mr. <i>Dickerson</i> .

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. *Schuurman* do carry the said Bills to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Schuurman* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Fell*.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, December 19, 1783.

‘ **T**HAT Mr. *Fell* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Petty's Island, situate in the River Delaware, in the County of Gloucester, to appoint Persons vested with proper Powers, for the well Improvement of the said Island*; the Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, An Act for granting an annual Salary*

' *Salary to the Secretary of this State, in Lieu of his Fees on the Commissions of Justices, Coroners and Militia Officers, and to make more proper Provision for defraying the Expences of granting said Commissions ; and the Bill, intitled, An Act for the Sale of the Estate of Philip French, late of New-Brunswick, in the County of Somerset, deceased, or of such Parts thereof as may be necessary to satisfy certain Executions levied thereon, are passed by this House without Amendment ; that the Bill, intitled, An Act providing for the equal Distribution of the Money directed to be raised for paying one Year's Interest on Loan-Office Certificates, and other liquidated Debts, and making further Provision for completing such Payment, is rejected by this House ; and that he do carry the Bill, intitled, An Act to procure an Estimate of the Sums due the Militia, and Troops who have been raised for the Defence of the Frontiers of this State, and to provide for the Settlement of the same, with the Amendments made thereto by this House, and request the Concurrence of the House of Assembly to the said Amendments.*

Which last mentioned Bill was read ; and the Amendments being read in their Places, were severally agreed to by the House ;

Ordered, That the said Bill be re-engrossed with the Amendments made thereto by Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Hornblower.

Council-Chamber, December 19, 1783.

' **C**OUNCIL having taken into Consideration a Letter from Captain Barnes Smock, commanding Officer of a Company of Artillery, in the County of Monmouth, setting forth, that the Horses belonging to said Artillery are in his Possession, and at a daily Expence ; whereupon,

' *Resolved,* That the Agents for the Sales of forfeited Estates in the different Counties in this State, be authorized and are hereby directed to call on the commanding Officers of the Companies of Artillery, and others within the respective Counties for all Horses, Harnels and Powder, in their Possession, belonging to the Artillery and the Property of the State, and make Sale thereof at publick Vendue, and pay forward the Monies arising from said Sales into the Treasury of the State ; and the commanding Officers of the different Companies of Artillery are directed to take Charge of and keep their respective Pieces of Artillery with their Carriages and Ball, until further Order of the Legislature.'

The above Resolution being read,

Resolved, That the House do concur therein ;

Ordered, That Mr. Anderson do wait on the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Henderfon, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An Act for the Relief of John Rucastle, Ephraim Whitlock and John Write, who have lost the Notes given for the Depreciation of their Pay,* which was ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Henderfon, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, *An Act to vest in Peter Tallman, Esq. his Heirs and Assigns, all the Real Estate which his Father Benjamin Tallman, deceased, died seized of,* which was ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Henderfon, from the Committee to whom were committed the Petitions respecting the Encouragement of Trade and Commerce in this State, reported as follows :

THAT the Committee, on maturely considering the Nature and Extent of the Petitions committed to them, the Importance of the Subject prayed for both to Individuals and the State, the Difficulty with which the Business will be attended, and the Probability of the present Sitting of the Legislature drawing near to a Close, beg Leave to offer it as their Opinion to the House, that the Legislature

gislature cannot at this Sitting comply with the Prayer of the Petitioners by passing a Law for the Encouragement of Trade and Commerce; and in order that more general Knowledge and Information relative to the Principles of Trade and Commerce may be obtained, that the Petitions committed to them ought to be referred to the next Sitting of the Legislature.

By Order of the Committee,

THOMAS HENDERSON.

To which the House agreed; whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to the next Sitting of the Legislature.

Mr. *Tucker*, from the Committee appointed to examine and report such publick Accounts as might be referred to them during the Sitting of the Legislature, reported that there are due to the several Persons herein after mentioned the Sums annexed to their respective Names; *that is to say*,

1. To <i>Nathan Johnston</i> , for Boarding and Gaol Fees of two Deserters and two Prisoners of War that had broke Gaol in <i>Philadelphia</i> , and were taken up in <i>Cumberland County</i> , per Account,	£.	6	7	9
2. To <i>Benjamin Vesservelt</i> , for a Gun lost in the Service,	-	2	10	0
3. To <i>John Hayley</i> , Ditto,	-	2	10	0
4. To Doctor <i>Philemon Elmer</i> , for attending Militia and State Troops,	-	8	11	9
5. To <i>John Brown</i> , for a Gun and Accoutrements lost in the Service,	-	2	10	0
6. To <i>Thompson Stelle</i> , Paymaster of the Militia, for collecting the Payrolls and Pay due the Militia of <i>Middlesex</i> , in full of his Account,	-	6	15	0
7. To <i>John Little</i> , Paymaster of Militia for <i>Gloucester County</i> , for collecting Militia Payrolls,	-	6	15	0
8. To Col. <i>Joseph Phillips</i> , for mustering thirty-two Recruits,	-	6	0	0
9. To <i>Peter Van-Norden</i> , for a Gun and Accoutrements lost when he was taken Prisoner,	-	2	5	0
10. To <i>Gershom Livers</i> , for a Gun and Accoutrements lost in the Service 4th July, 1782,	-	2	5	0
11. To <i>Christopher Pope</i> , for Ditto,	-	2	5	0
12. To <i>Henry Jones</i> , Ditto,	-	2	5	0
13. To <i>Hugh Goble</i> , Ditto,	-	2	5	0
14. To <i>Daniel Banta</i> , Ditto,	-	2	5	0
15. To <i>John Haines</i> , Ditto,	-	2	5	0
16. To Doctor <i>John Varick</i> , in full of his Account for Medicines and Attendance on State Troops,	-	15	0	0
17. To <i>Joseph Borden</i> , jun. in full of his Account for riding Expreß from April 5th, 1777, to June 7th, both Days inclusive, by Order of His Excellency the Governor,	-	46	10	0
18. To Doctor <i>Thomas Henderson</i> , in full of his Account for Medicines and Attendance on wounded Prisoners and Soldiers of Captain <i>John Walton's</i> Troops,	-	5	1	6
19. To <i>John Burrowes</i> , Sheriff of <i>Monmouth County</i> , in full of his Account, for conducting Prisoners to and from <i>Burlington</i> and <i>Monmouth Gaols</i> , Provisions, Wood, &c.	-	74	16	0
20. To Doctor <i>Thomas Barber</i> , in full of his Account, for Medicines and Attendance on State Troops and Militia in Service,	-	43	14	10
21. To <i>Sarah Seekles</i> , for House-Room, Nursing and other Necessaries for Sergeant <i>Samuel Jones</i> , of Captain <i>Craig's</i> Company, being wounded, in full of her Account,	-	15	4	6
22. To <i>Craighead Kyle</i> , in full of his Account of Sundries furnished				

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nished Sergeant *Samuel Jones*, a wounded Soldier of Captain *Craig's* Company, - - - - -

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23. To *Archibald Campbell*, for the Use of a Waggon, &c. to convey the late Governor *Franklin* as a Prisoner to *Hartford*, in *Connecticut*, - - - - -

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24. To *Edward Bunn*, Esquire, for the Use of *Nicholas Hall*, for a Gun and Accoutrements and Blanket lost in the Service, - - - - -

2 10 0

25. To *Alexander McCluer*, for a Gun lost in the Service, - - - - -

2 5 0

26. To Lieutenant *Samuel Conn*, for Balance of his Account for Bounty paid Recruits, &c. - - - - -

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By Order of the Committee,

BENJAMIN MANNING,
SAMUEL TUCKER.

The House having considered the said Report,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to the Persons therein named the Sums annexed to their respective Names;

Ordered, That Mr. *Anderson* do carry the above Report and Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Saturday, December 20, 1783.

The House met.

Mr. *Anderson* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Van-Cleve*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of the Officers and Soldiers of the Jersey Line, who have served in the Continental Army until the End of the War; and those Officers who were deranged in Consequence of the last Reform of the said Army*, reported the same with sundry Amendments and the following Title, *An Act for the Relief of the Creditors of the Publick*, which was read and debated; on the Question, Whether the said Bill be engrossed? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Norris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,
Mr. <i>Boyd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Anderson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Dcy</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hildreth</i> ,	Mr. <i>Randolph</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	Mr. <i>Henderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hendrickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,
Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ellis</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .
Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> .		

Ordered, That the said Bill be filed.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure an Estimate of the Sums due the Militia, and Troops who have been raised for the Defence of the Frontiers of this State, and to provide for the Settlement of the same*, was read and compared;

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same;

Ordered, That Mr. *Lambert* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House with their Amendments.

Resolved, That *Isaac Collins* be requested to print in his next Week's Paper a Copy of the Act, intituled, *An Act to direct the Agents of forfeited Estates in the respective Counties in this State, to proceed to the Sale of said Estates; and to repeal the Act, intituled, An Act to suspend the Sales of Real Estates which have, or hereafter may, become forfeited to, and vested in, this State; and to strike off 75 extra Papers to be distributed for the Use of the Agents and Inhabitants of the respective Counties in this State;*

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. *Ewing* do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Combs*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Payment of the same*, reported the same with sundry Amendments, which was read, and the further Consideration thereof postponed.

A Petition from *William Wright*, of the County of *Middlesex*, was read, respecting Debts due to him from Fugitives;

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time with the Bill last mentioned.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met.

The House being informed by Mr. *Marsh* that the Petitioners, whose Petition was presented on the 13th of *June* last, praying a Law may pass to legitimate the oldest Son of *Noah Marsh*, Esquire, late of the County of *Essex*, deceased, had not been able fully to comply with the Order of the House; wherefore,

Ordered, That they have Leave to present a Bill, agreeably to the Order of the House of the 13th *June* last, at the next Sitting of the Assembly, on advertising and giving such Notice as therein directed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of John Rucastle, Ephraim Whitlock and Joseph Write, who have lost the Notes given for the Depreciation of their Pay*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to vest in Peter Tallman, Esquire, his Heirs and Assigns, all the Real Estate which his Father Benjamin Tallman, deceased, died seized of*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Henderson*, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to raise the Sum of Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Pounds, in the State of New-Jersey, for the Exigencies of the Year 1783, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, which was ordered a second Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Manning*.

Ordered,
 ' *Council-Chamber December 20, 1783.*
 ' **T**HAT Mr. *Manning* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint
 ' them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one*
 ' *Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings per Annum, for*
 ' *the Term of twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal*
 ' *of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of*
 ' *the 18th Day of April, 1783, and for appropriating the same, is passed by this*
 ' *House; and that the Bill, intituled, An Act to raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds,*
 ' *in Gold or Silver, to redeem the Sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds, in the Bills of*
 ' *Credit of this State, is rejected by this House.*

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to vest in Peter Tallman, Esquire, his Heirs and Assigns, all the Real Estate which his Father Benjamin Tallman, deceased, died seized of*, was read and compared,

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Maxwell* do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Whereas no Provision is made for printing private Acts, and it being reasonable that they should be published for the Information of the Publick;

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House furnish the Printer with a Copy of all the private Laws which may be passed this Session of the Legislature, and that the Printer be directed to print the same with the publick Acts at the publick Expence.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. *Blanch* do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Maxwell* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to raise the Sum of Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Pounds in the State of New-Jersey, for the Exigencies of the Year 1783, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday, December 22, 1783.

The House met.

Mr. *Shreve*, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of the Officers and Soldiers late of the Jersey Line*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Blanch* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Three Messages from the Council by Mr. *Martin*.

Council-Chamber, December 22, 1783.

‘ THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Printer to print private Laws, &c.

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

‘ THE Council having taken into Consideration the Report of the Committee on publick Accounts, with the Resolution accompanying the same ;

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do approve of said Report, and concur in the said Resolution.’

‘ THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to requesting Mr. *Collins* to print in his next Week’s News-Paper the Law therein mentioned ;

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Payment of the same* ; and, having gone through the said Bill,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

Mr. *Henderson*, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned*, which was ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to raise the Sum of Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Pounds, in the State of New-Jersey, for the Exigencies of the Year 1783, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of John Rucaſtle, Ephraim Whitlock and Joseph Write, who have loſt the Notes given for the Depreciation of their Pay*, was read and compared ;

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. *Marsb* do carry the said Bills to Council for Concurrence.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Shreve* returned and took his Seat.

The Report of Mr. *Cooper*, entered on the Minutes of the 6th Instant, was read a second Time; whereupon,

Ordered, That *Mark Bird* and *James Wilson* have Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting, agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising their Intention in the *New-Jersey* and the *Pennsylvania Gazettes*, for at least four Weeks previous thereto.

Mr. *Marsh* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Payment of the same*, was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,
Mr. <i>Boyd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Randolph</i> ,
Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,	Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	Mr. <i>Norris</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Anderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campan</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hildreth</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,
Mr. <i>Henderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ellis</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> .
Mr. <i>Hendrickson</i> ,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Combs* do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Combs* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hendrickson* do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Officers and Soldiers, late of the Jersey Line*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Clark*.

Ordered,

Council-Chamber, December 22, 1783.

‘ **T**HAT Mr. *Clark* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to raise the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, in the State of New-Jersey, for the Support of Government, and the contingent Expences for the Year, 1784*; and the Bill, intituled, *An Act to vest in Peter Tallman, Esquire, his Heirs and Assigns, all the Real Estate which his Father Benjamin Tallman died seized of*, are passed by this House without Amendment; and that he do carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners of Meadow Ground to drain the same*, with the Amendments made thereto by this House, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.’

Which Bill and Amendments were read; and the Amendments being read in their Places, were agreed to by the House;

Ordered, That the said Bill be re-engrossed with the Amendments made thereto by Council.

The Order of the House on the Petition of *Thomas Clifford*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, of the 10th *June* last, was read; and the Petition from *John Cooper*, Esquire, and others of the Town of *Woodbury*, entered on the 12th *December*, Instant,

Instant, were read a second Time, together with sundry Affidavits respecting the Situation of the Business of which Mr. *Clifford* complained ;

Ordered, That the said Business be dismissed.

The Petitions against the Commutation to the Army were read a second Time, and considered together with the Paper marked No. 7, accompanying His Excellency's Message of the 7th of *November* past ; and the House being of Opinion, that Congress had an undoubted Right to agree with the Officers of the Army, as they have done ; and also being informed that Congress purposes to discharge the Notes given to the Officers for their Commutation with the unappropriated Lands ;

Ordered, That the said Petitions be dismissed.

The Petition from *George Beatty* and *John Burroughs*, praying Leave to present a Bill to enable them to build a floating Bridge over *Delaware* River, near *Trenton* Falls, was read a second Time ;

Ordered, That they have Leave to present a Bill, agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of their Petition and this Order in the *Pennsylvania* and *New-Jersey* Gazettes, for at least six Weeks previous thereto.

Mr. *Combs*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for defraying sundry incidental Charges*, which was ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Tuesday, December 23, 1783.

The House met.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Owners of Meadow Ground to drain the same*, was read and compared ;

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tenbroeck* do carry the said Bill to Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House with their Amendments.

Mr. *Henderson*, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure an Estimate of the Number of Inhabitants in the State of New-Jersey*, which was read and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of the Officers and Soldiers, late of the Jersey Line*, was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Boyd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hildreth</i> ,	Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,
Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,	Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Randolph</i> ,
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Anderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> .
Mr. <i>Henderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ellis</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Hendrickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Norris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .	
Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tenbroeck* do wait on the Council with the said Bill, and request their Concurrence.

The House having resumed the Consideration of the Order, of the 12th Instant, to their Committee, respecting the Burning the Surplus Certificates, and being of Opinion that it may hereafter be necessary to compare said Certificates with the Books of Accounts of the Collectors, who have paid the same into the Treasury ; Therefore,

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Committee be directed to deposite in the Treasury of the State the Books from the respective Counties in which the Entries of the said Certificates are made, and that the late Treasurer *John Stevens*, jun. Esquire, be directed to keep all the said Certificates now in his Hands, to be accountable therefor to the Legislature when called on for the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Anderson* do wait on the Council and request their Concurrence in the said Resolution.

Mr. *Tenbroeck* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure an Estimate of the Number of Inhabitants in the State of New-Jersey*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Anderson* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The several Petitions from the *West* and *East-Jersey* Proprietors, relative to a Dispute subsisting between them concerning the Line of Partition between *East* and *West-Jersey*, were read a second Time; whereupon,

Ordered, That the *West-Jersey* Proprietors have Leave to present the Draught of a Bill, at the next Sitting of the Legislature agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising their Intentions at least five Weeks previous thereto, in both the *New-Jersey*, in one of the *New-York*, and one of the *Pennsylvania* News-Papers.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure an Estimate of the Number of Inhabitants in the State of New-Jersey*, was read and compared,

Resolved unanimously, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ellis* do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

A Petition from *Jacob Martin*, Esquire, of the County of *Middlesex*, was read, setting

DR.	JOHN STEVENS, junior, Esquire,—			
To Balance of Continental Money due the State, as reported by the Committee the 9th Instant,	-	-	-	£. 27605 11 11½

DR.	JOHN STEVENS, junior, Esquire,—			
To State Money as per Balance stated in said Report,	-	-	-	£. 16664 16 0
To Cash paid by <i>Jonathan Stiles</i> , Esquire, Collector of <i>Morris</i> County, as per Receipt registered by the Auditor, dated the 2d December, 1782,	-	-	-	109 11 7
				£. 16774 7 7

DR.	The STATE of <i>New-Jersey</i> ,—			
To Balance due to <i>John Stevens</i> , junior, Esquire, as stated in said Account,	-	-	-	£. 28 6 10½
To Cash paid for Interest due on Certificates and State Money, as per Vouchers exhibited to the Committee from No. 1 to No. 58 inclusive, amounting to	-	-	-	1170 11 10
To Cash paid <i>William-Churchill Houston</i> , Esquire, agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature of the 28th December, 1781, as per Receipts,	-	-	-	1308 15 0
To Cash paid <i>Isaac Halfey</i> , Paymaster of the Militia of <i>Essex</i> , in Part of one Month's Pay due to the Militia and State Troops,	-	-	-	3000 0 0
To Ditto paid <i>Jonathan Stiles</i> , junior, Paymaster of the Militia of <i>Morris</i> County, in Part of Ditto by the Hands of <i>James Smith</i> ,	-	-	-	2500 0 0
To Ditto paid <i>Thomson Stelle</i> , Esq. Paymaster to the Militia of <i>Middlesex</i> , in Part of Ditto,	-	-	-	2000 0 0
To Ditto paid <i>Nathaniel Hunt</i> , Esq. Paymaster to the Militia of <i>Hunterdon</i> , in Part of Ditto,	-	-	-	1500 0 0
				£. 11507 13 8½

setting forth that he had been so unfortunate as to lose a Warrant that entitled, *Mercy McKenny*, to receive the Amount of her late Husband's Half-Pay from the Treasury, and praying that a new Warrant may be issued in her Favour;

Ordered, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

A Message from the Council by *Mr. Tallman*,

Council-Chamber, December 23, 1783.

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly, relative to directing the Committee appointed finally to settle the Accounts of the late Treasurer in certain Particulars, &c.

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for defraying sundry incidental Charges*, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for defraying sundry incidental Charges*, was read and compared;

Resolved unanimously, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That *Mr. Loyd* do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Loyd reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Van-Cleve, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of Council, finally to settle the Accounts of *John Stevens*, junior, Esquire, late Treasurer, reported as follows :

THAT they do not find any other Accounts to settle with the late Treasurer since those reported and agreed to by both Houses the 9th Instant, excepting the following, *videlicet*,

to the STATE of *New-Jersey*.

CR.

By Continental Money paid to *James Mott*, Esquire, Treasurer, as per Receipt produced to the Committee, - -

£. 27605 11 11 $\frac{1}{4}$

to the STATE of *New-Jersey*.

CR.

By State Money delivered to the Committee to be burnt, *viz.* £. 2879 6 6, Principal and Interest of the Bills issued under the Resolution of Congress of the 18th March, 1780, and £. 13785 9 6 of the Bills issued by an Act passed the 9th Day of January, 1781, amounting to - - - - -

16664 16 0

Balance due the State, - - - - -

109 11 7

£. 16774 7 7

to JOHN STEVENS, junior, Esquire.

CR.

Balance due *John Stevens*, junior, Esquire, - - -

Specie.

11507 13 8 $\frac{1}{4}$

£. 11507 13 8 $\frac{1}{4}$

BUT it appearing to the Committee that a Number of Orders have been drawn on the several Collectors by the late Treasurer *John Stevens*, junior, Esquire, for which the State stands charged, which Orders have not yet been satisfied and brought forward to the Treasury, therefore they beg Leave to report the following Resolution, *viz.*

Resolved, That the present Treasurer be authorized and required, whenever said Orders shall be brought forward, to give the Collectors who shall have discharged the same Credit respectively for the Amount thereof, and also to charge the same against the said *John Stevens*, junior; and if, after such Orders have all been so charged, a Balance shall be found due to the State, the Treasurer for the Time being shall call on said *John Stevens*, junior, for Payment thereof; and if a Balance shall be found still to remain due to said *John Stevens*, junior, the said Treasurer is hereby authorized and required to discharge the same.

The Committee further report that they have counted all the uncanceled State Money, and found it as stated in the above Account, *that is to say*, £. 16664 16, which Sum, together with £. 14131 18 4, Principal and Interest, cancelled Money, as per Invoice herewith delivered, certified by *Samuel Tucker* and *James Ewing*, Esquires, they have burnt.

The Committee are also informed by the late Treasurer, that the Iron Chest, the Collectors Books containing the Accounts of the Surplus Certificates, together with all other Moveables and Documents that were in his Charge, belonging to the Publick, are by him delivered over into the Hands of *James Mott*, Esquire, the present Treasurer.

They further report that two Receipts, dated 14th *March*, 1781, amounting to £. 39 15, *viz.* one for £. 30, and the other for £. 9 15, signed by *Samuel Tucker*, Esquire, for Cash paid out of the Treasury on Accounts by him produced against the forfeited Estates of *John Barnes* and *Isaac Allen*, Esquires, were presented to the Committee for Settlement and Allowance; but they, being of Opinion the Receipts do not come within the Description of legal Vouchers, have disallowed the same.

JOSIAH HORNBLOWER,
JOHN CARLE,
ELIJAH CLARK,
BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE,
DANIEL HENDRICKSON,
JAMES SCHUURMAN,
DANIEL MARSH,
ELLIS COOK,
GEORGE ANDERSON.

Which Report being read, on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Report? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hendrickson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,
Mr. <i>Boyd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Norris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> .
Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Baker</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Garritse</i> ,	Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hildreth</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Anderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Randolph</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cooper</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .	
Mr. <i>Henderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ellis</i> ,		

The Petition of *Jacob Martin*, Esquire, was read; whereupon,

Resolved, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of *Mercy McKenny*, in Lieu of the one lost by *Jacob Martin*, Esquire, upon his giving Bond to the Treasurer to indemnify the State in case the former Warrant should be produced against the Treasury for Payment;

Ordered, That Mr. *Van-Cleve* do carry to Council the said Resolution for Concurrence.

Mr. *Ellis* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Three Messages from the Council by Mr. *Holmes*.

Ordered, Council-Chamber, December 23, 1783.

‘ **T**HAT Mr. *Holmes* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled; *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to raise the*
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‘*Sum of Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Pounds, in the State of New-Jersey, for the Expences of the Year 1783, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, is passed by this House without Amendment.*’

‘*Ordered,*

‘**T**HAT Mr. *Holmes* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of John Rucastle, Ephraim Whitlock and Joseph Write, who have lost the Notes given for the Depreciation of their Pay,* is passed by this House without Amendment.’

‘*Ordered,*

‘**T**HAT Mr. *Holmes* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue in Force the several Acts therein mentioned,* with the Amendments made thereto by this House, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.’

Which Bill and Amendments were read, and the Amendments being read in their Places, were severally agreed to by the House;

Ordered, That the same be re-engrossed with the Amendments made thereto by Council.

Mr. *Van-Cleve* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue in Force the Act therein mentioned,* was read and compared;

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hildreth* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House with their Amendments.

Resolved, That *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, be requested to revise and compile all the Laws that have been passed by the Legislature of the State of *New-Jersey*, since his first Compilation, including those of the present Sitting, to complete the Index for the said Compilation, and transmit the whole to *Isaac Collins*, to be printed and annexed to the first Compilation, and that *Isaac Collins* be directed as soon after receiving the same as convenient to print and half-bind the said Compilation, and that the Legislature will provide for the Expence thereof at the next Sitting.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cook* do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

Resolved, That the Auditor of Accounts of this State be requested to cancel all the Notes given the Officers and Privates for Depreciation of Pay, and which have been or may be deposited in his Hands, in Consequence of their having been allowed as Vouchers to the late Treasurer in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hildreth* do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

The Warrant entitling *Mercy M’Kenny* to draw the Amount of her late Husband’s Half-Pay, from the 7th June, 1782, was read and approved;

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same;

Ordered, That Mr. *Cook* do carry the said Warrant to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Hildreth* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Carle*.

‘*Ordered,*

Council-Chamber, December 23, 1783.

‘**T**HAT Mr. *Carle* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, *An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Esgitives and Offenders, and for directing the Payment of the same,* with the Amendments made thereto by this House, and request their Concurrence in the said Amendments.’

Which Bill and Amendments were read; and the Amendments, being read in their Places, were severally agreed to by the House;

Ordered,

Ordered, That the said Bill be re-engrossed with the Amendments made thereto by Council.

Mr. Cook reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Ogden.

Ordered, *Council-Chamber December 23, 1783.*

THAT Mr. Ogden do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, intituled, *An Act to appropriate a certain forfeited Estate lying in the County of Bergen, to the Use of Major-General Baron Steuben, during his Life*, and request their Concurrence therein.

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Maxwell reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to appropriate a certain forfeited Estate, lying in the County of Bergen, to the Use of Major-General Baron Steuben during his Life*, was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Payment of the same*, was read and compared :

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Boyd do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House with their Amendments.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to appropriate a certain forfeited Estate lying in the County of Bergen, to the Use of Major-General Baron Steuben during his Life*, was read a third Time ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Blanck,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Norris,	Mr. Garritse,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Hildreth,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Day,	Col. Shreve,	Mr. Tucker,	
Mr. Marfb,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Van-Cleeve,	
Mr. Combs	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Van-Campen,	
Mr. Henderson,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Maxwell.	
Mr. Hendrickson,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Schuurman do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House without Amendment.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Manning.

Ordered, *Council-Chamber, December 23, 1783.*

THAT Mr. Manning do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of the Officers and Soldiers, late of the Jersey Line*, is unanimously rejected by this House.

Ordered, That Messrs. Loyd, Norris, Baker, Hildreth and Ewing, have Leave of Absence during the Remainder of the present Sitting.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the o'Clock.

Wednesday, December 24, 1783.

The House met.

Mr. Schuurman, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, intituled, *An Act to shorten Law Suits and lessen their Expence, and to authorize Justices of the Peace to try Actions of Assault and Battery*, reported,

THAT they have made some Progress in said Bill, but, for Want of Time, have not gone through the same, and as it is probable that this House will
rise

rise before the same can be duly discussed, are of Opinion that said Bill should be referred to the next Sitting of the Legislature.

By Order of the Committee,

JAMES SCHUURMAN.

To which the House agreed ; whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the next Sitting of the Legislature.

WHEREAS it appears by a Proclamation issued by the King of *Great-Britain*, under the express Authority of his Parliament, that the Growth or Produce of any of the United States of *America* are prohibited from being carried to any of the *British West-India* Islands by any other than *British* Subjects in *British* built Ships, owned by *British* Subjects, and navigated according to the Laws of that Kingdom ; and whereas this Proceeding exhibits a Disposition in *Great-Britain* to gain Advantages injurious to the Rights of free Commerce, and is repugnant to the Principles of reciprocal Interest and Convenience, which are found by Experience to form the only permanent Foundation of friendly Inter-course and Commerce between Kingdoms or States ; therefore,

Resolved unanimously, That the United States in Congress assembled ought to be vested with the exclusive Power of regulating Trade and Commerce throughout the United States of *America*.

Resolved unanimously, That the United States in Congress assembled ought to be empowered, and ought when so empowered to prohibit *British* Vessels from being the Carriers of the Growth or Produce of the *British West-India* Islands to these United States, or of the Growth or Produce of these United States to any of the said *British West-India* Islands so long as the Restriction in the said Proclamation expressed shall be continued by or on the Part of *Great-Britain* ;

Ordered, That Mr. *Dey* do wait on Council with the said Resolution, and request their Concurrence.

Four Messages from the Council by Mr. *Tallman*.

' *Ordered*,

Council-Chamber, December 24, 1783.

' **T**HAT Mr. *Tallman* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act to procure an Estimate of the Number of Inhabitants in the State of New-Jersey*, is passed by this House without Amendment.'

' **T**HE Council having taken the following Resolutions into Consideration :

' 1st. Relative to a Warrant issuing in Favour of *Mercy M'Kenny*. And,

' 2d. Relative to directing the Auditor to cancel the Notes given the Officers and Privates for Depreciation of Pay.

' 3d. Relative to requesting *Peter Wilson*, Esquire, to compile all the Laws that have been passed by the Legislature since the first Compilation ;

' *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.'

' *Ordered*,

' **T**HAT Mr. *Tallman* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for defraying sundry incidental Charges*, is passed by this House without Amendment.'

' *Ordered*,

' **T**HAT Mr. *Tallman* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this House concur in the Warrant entitling *Mercy M'Kenny* to draw the Amount of her late Husband's Half-Pay.'

Mr. *Boyd* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Dey* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Carle*.

' *Council-Chamber, December 24, 1783.*

' **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly of this Day by Mr. *Dey*, relative to Commerce ;

Y

' *Resolved*,

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

Mr. *Boyd*, from the Committee appointed to examine the Law that convenes the Justices and Freeholders, reported,

THAT they have examined the same, and find no Deficiency therein.

By Order of the Committee,

ADAM BOYD.

Resolved, That *Benjamin Van-Cleve* and *George Anderson*, Esquires, or either of them be, and they hereby are requested as soon as convenient to compute the Amount of all the Certificates that may have been received in the Payment of Taxes, and which the late Treasurer has received from the Heads or Principals of their Departments, and which are to be delivered to the Auditor of Accounts to be by him procured to be liquidated and charged to the Account of the United States ;

Ordered, That Mr. *Combs* do carry the said Resolution to Council, and request their Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Hornblower*.

‘ *Council-Chamber, December 24, 1783.*

‘ **T**HE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to appointing Mr. *Van-Cleve* and Mr. *Anderson* to compute the Amount of Certificates, &c.

‘ *Resolved*, That the House do concur therein.’

The House rose without Day.

BY Virtue of an Order of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the State of *New-Jersey*, I do hereby appoint *Isaac Collins* of *Trenton*, to print these Votes.

EPHRAIM HARRIS, Speaker.

N^o 96. *Daniel Brainerd*

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At a SESSION begun at *Trenton*, on the 28th Day of *October*, 1783, and
continued by Adjournments.

BEING THE SECOND SITTING. *Sc*

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NEW-BRUNSWICK, Thursday August 5, 1784.

PURSUANT to a special Summons of the Honourable the Speaker,
The House met.

William Smith, Esquire, returned as one of the Representatives for the County of *Salem*; *Samuel Hugg*, Esquire, returned as one of the Representatives for the County of *Gloucester*; *Henry Young Townsend*, Esquire, returned as one of the Representatives for the County of *Cape May*, and *Christopher Hoagland*, Esquire, returned as one of the Representatives for the County of *Somerset*, severally appeared in the House, and produced the respective Certificates of their Election, which were read, approved, and ordered to be filed : Whereupon, being duly qualified, by the Speaker, they took their Seats in the House.

Ordered, That *Mr. Combs* do wait on the Council, and inform them that a Quorum of the Members of the Assembly have met, and this Day proceeded to Business.

Ordered, That *Mr. Tucker* and *Mr. Schuurman*, be a Committee to examine the Minutes of the last sitting, and to report such Business as remains unfinished and referred to this Sitting.

The House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

FRIDAY,

F R I D A Y, August 6, 1784.

The House met.

Resolved, That *John Nevius*, be Door-keeper to this House during the present Sitting.

Mr. Tucker, from the Committee, appointed to inspect the Journals of the last Sitting, and report such Business as stands referred or remains unfinished, reported as follows, to wit.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act for vesting in *Guiliam Demarest*, the real Estate of *David G. Demarest*, a Fugitive from this State.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act to appropriate such Fines as may be levied at the several Courts in this State, for the Space of two Years, to the Benefit of the College of *New-Jersey*.

The Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Essex*, praying, that the Act, entitled, “ An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors”, may be repealed.

The Petition from *John Mercer*.

The Petition from *Cumberland*, read on the 13th December last.

The Petition from *Richard Green*.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act for the better securing the Attendance of Witnesses in the several County Courts, and before Justices of the Peace.

Two Petitions from the County of *Hunterdon*, and one Petition from the County of *Somerset*, praying, that Money may be emitted on Loan.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act for selling the several Barracks within the State of *New-Jersey*, and the House erected for the Secretary's Office in *Perth-Amboy*.

Two Petitions from a considerable Number of Inhabitants in different Parts of the State respecting Trade and Commerce.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act to shorten Law Suits, and lessen the Expence, and to authorise Justices of the Peace to try Actions of Assault and Battery.

The above several Bills and Petitions were referred over to this Sitting.

By Order of the Committee,

SAMUEL TUCKER.

A Petition from sundry Persons, Inhabitants of the County of *Bergen* was read, praying, that they may have Leave to present a Bill for appointing Commissioners, and vesting them with sufficient Authority to make full and final Partition of the Lands and Commons allotted to *Secaucus* in the said County, among such Persons as they may judge entitled thereto, and fully and finally to adjust and settle the different Claims of the various Claimants.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Suffex*, was read, setting forth, that *Edward Dunlap*, Esquire, Agent, appointed to sell the forfeited Estates in said County,

County, has been Guilty of embezzling large Sums of Money belonging to said County, and praying that he may be discharged from that Appointment, and that some other suitable Person may be appointed to that Service.

Ordered, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

Mr. *Combs* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Reed*, accompanied with the following Papers, to wit,

No. 1. 1st November, 1783. Resolution of Congress respecting a more compleat Representation in Congress.

No. 2. 23^d December, 1783. Letter from President *Mifflin*, on the inadequate Representation of the State in Congress.

No. 3. 23^d December, 1783. Resolution of Congress on the Subject of the Want of a Representation in Congress.

No. 4. Letter from President *Mifflin* accompanying the same.

No. 5. 26th December, 1783. Letter from President *Mifflin* accompanying the same.

No. 6. An Act of the Commonwealth of *Virginia*, authorizing the Congress of the United States, to adopt certain Regulations respecting the British Trade, and another relative to Emigrants.

No. 7. 25th December, 1783. Letter from Governor *Harrison*, accompanying the same.

No. 8. 14th January, 1784. Proclamation of Congress of the Ratification of the Definitive Articles between the United States and *Great-Britain*.

No. 9. A Return of the Men belonging to the State of *New-Jersey*, who served in the Legion commanded by Brigadier General *Armand*.

No. 10. 15th January, 1784. Letter from General *Armand*, accompanying the same.

No. 11. Resolution of Congress respecting the Men enlisted in Colonel *Armand's* Corps, 13th February, 1779.

No. 12. 15th January, 1784. Resolution of Congress respecting the Interest due on Loan Office Certificates.

No. 13. 23^d March, 1784. Act of Congress relative to the Appointment of Delegates.

No. 14. 25th March, 1784. Letter from President *Mifflin*, accompanying the same.

No. 15. 1st April, 1784. Circular Letter from President *Mifflin*, relative to the State of our Finances and public Debts.

No. 16. The Appointment of the 636,000 Dollars mentioned in the said Letter.

No. 17. 19th April, 1784. Act of Congress respecting the Representation of the several States in Congress.

No. 18. 21st April, 1784. Letter from the President of Congress, respecting the Ports of *P'Orient*, *Marseilles*, and *Dunkirk*.

No. 19. *27th April, 1784.* Resolutions of Congress on the Report of the grand Committee appointed to prepare and report to Congress the Arrears of Interest on the national Debt, together with the Expences for the Year 1784, &c.

No. 20. *25th May, 1784.* Extract of a Letter from *Joseph Pennel, Esq;* Commissary of Accounts for the Marine Department.

No. 21. *26th May, 1784.* Letter from Mr. *Morris*, enclosing the said Extract.

No. 22. *1st June, 1784.* Act of Congress on the Report of a grand Committee.

No. 23. *3d June, 1784.* Resolution of Congress respecting the Settlement of the several States with the United States.

No. 24. *3d June, 1784.* Two Resolutions of Congress respecting the raising a Body of Troops, and holding a Treaty with the Indian Nations.

No. 25. *15th June, 1784.* Letter from Mr. Secretary *Thomson*, accompanying the said Resolutions.

The above Papers having been severally read, were ordered a second Reading.

Ordered. That Mr. *Cook*, and Colonel *Soreve*, be a Committee to prepare and report the Draught of a Bill for defraying incidental Charges.

Ordered. That Mr. *Ewing* and Mr. *Starke*, be a Committee to examine and report to the House what Laws have expired or are near expiring.

Ordered. That Mr. *Clark*, and Mr. *Tucker*, be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill to suspend the Sales of such Estates as have been forfeited to the Use of this State.

A Petition from *Robert Chambers*, accompanied with an Account, amounting to 17*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* half penny, and praying that the same may be paid to him by the State, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

SATURDAY, August 7, 1784.

The House met.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Township of *Upper Alloway's Creek*, in the County of *Salem*, was read, setting forth that they are aggrieved by a Law lately past, obliging them to pay a Toll for going through a draw in the Bridge, called *Hancock's Bridge*.

Ordered. That the same be read a second Time.

Two Petitions from the Inhabitants of the Town of *Greenwich* and its Vicinity, in the County of *Cumberland*, were read, praying that Leave may be given them, to present a Bill to empower and authorize *Daniel Mosfell*, and *Joel Pitblan*, Esqrs. to erect a Wharf and Store-House at the public Landing Place in the said Town.

Ordered. That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting. agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, they advertising their Intention, and a Copy of this Order, in three of the most public Places in the said Town of *Greenwich*, three Weeks previous thereto.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of the Township of *Elfenborough*, in the County of *Salem*, was read, praying that the Act directing the Inhabitants to repair their High Ways by Hire, which has expired by its own Limitation, may be by Law revived.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the said Petition be committed to Messrs. *Smith*, *Loyd* and *Norris*, and that they report a Bill to the House agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act to appropriate such Fines as may be levied at the several Courts in this State for the Space of two Years, to the Benefit of the College of *New-Jersey*, was read a second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Noah Sooy*, of the County of *Burlington*, was read, praying that he may have Leave to present a Bill, to empower him to erect a Mill and Water Works on *Rancocas* Creek in the said County, he making sufficient Flood Gates in the Dam to let the Rafts and Boats pass through the same. Also, a Petition from a considerable Number of Inhabitants of the same County was read, praying that the said *Noah Sooy* may have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition: On reading the above Petition, Mr. *Shreve* laid before the House, a Letter directed to him from *Joseph Shinn*, in Opposition to the Prayer of the said Petitions.

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition, on advertising the Purport of the same, and a Copy of this Order in three of the most public Places in the Township of *Northampton*, in the said County, for at least three Weeks previous thereto.

Two Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Essex*, praying that the Act, entitled, “ An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors,” may be repealed, was read a second Time.

A Motion was made, that the said Petition do lie on the Table. On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Order? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays:
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dickerson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Randolph</i> ,	Mr. <i>Norris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> ,
Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hildreth</i> ,	Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .
Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hoagland</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> .	Mr. <i>Anderfen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,		Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Smith</i> ,		Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	
		Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	

Mr. *Clark*, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, “ An Act to alter and amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors,” which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Clark*, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, “ An Act for proving, recording, and registering Deeds and Conveyances of Land, and Wills and Testaments, in the several Counties in this State, and declaring what shall be good Evidence of such Conveyances, Wills and Testaments, which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Clark*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, entitled, “ An Act to suspend for a limited Time, the Sales of real Estates which have been forfeited to and vested in this State, which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

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The Petition from Captain *John Mercer*, was read a second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition from *Richard Green* of the County of *Hunterdon*, was read a second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition from *Cumberland*, read on the 13th *December* last, was read a second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion,

Ordered, That Messrs. *Clark*, *Schuurman*, and *Combs*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to remedy the Abuses committed by Collectors lately issuing Surplus Certificates, and to prevent Abuses of the like Kind in Future.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from *William Christie*, of the County of *Bergen*, was read, praying that an Order may be given upon the Treasury of *New-Jersey*, for 37*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* being the Balance of an Account due to him for Rations furnished the Militia of the County of *Bergen*.

Ordered, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

A Certificate of half Pay adjudged by the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of *Middlesex*, in Favour of *Jacob Hall*, late a Soldier in the second *Jersey* Regiment, and who was wounded in the Service of the United States, was read and approved.

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said *Jacob Hall*, for the Amount of his half Pay, from the 23d *March* 1782, for and during his Disability.

A Petition from *James Parker*, Attorney to *Robert Barker*, setting forth that the Agent appointed to take Charge of the forfeited Estates in the County of *Hunterdon*, has, in his Possession, Lands belonging to the said *Robert Barker*, who is a Subject of the King of *Great-Britain*, and praying that the Law directing the Agents to take Charge of the Estates of the Subjects of *Great-Britain*, may be repealed.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

The Bill, entitled, " An Act for selling the several Barracks within the State of *New-Jersey*, and the House erected for the Secretary's Office in *Pertb-Amboy*, was read a second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered, That Messrs. *Schuurman* and *Marsh*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill, to prevent Collectors or other Officers of this State, from paying the Sums due from them to the Treasury in any other Species of Monies or Obligations, than those which they are severally directed by Law to collect or receive in Payment.

The Bill, entitled, " An Act to suspend for a limited Time, the Sale of real Estates which have become forfeited to and vested in this State, was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning, Nine o'Clock.

M O N D A Y, *August* 9, 1784.

The House met.

A Petition from the Members of the first Day Baptist Church of *Hopewell*, in the County of

of *Cumberland* was read, praying that a Charter heretofore given to the said Church, by his Excellency the Governor, may by Law be confirmed.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

A Petition from 195 Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth* was read, praying that Money may be emitted on Loan ; that public Obligations should be a legal Tender at their nominal Value in the Discharge of all Actions commenced since the first Day of *June* last; that on all Debts due within the Enemy's Lines, no Interest shall be recoverable from the Debtor thereon since *July 1776*; that all Awards delivered to the Courts in this State by Referees shall be final, and the Courts to give Judgment thereon, except Error in the Proceedings be made appear.

Ordered, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, " An Act to suspend for a limited Time, the Sale of real Estates which have become forfeited to and vested in this State," was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Resolved, That *John Henry* be, and is hereby authorized and requested to take into his Care and Charge the Barracks at *Burlington*, and Lease out the same until the first of *April* next; and if not ordered by the Legislature to be sold, then to lease the same for any Term not exceeding one Year; to receive the Rents and make such Repairs as he shall think necessary, to render the said Barracks in a tenantable Condition, provided the said Repairs do not exceed the Rents aforesaid; and lay a State of his Proceedings before the Legislature at their next Meeting; and also, at the next Meeting of the Legislature, after the Expiration of the aforesaid Year, for Settlement and Allowance.

Ordered, That Mr. *Blanch* do carry the said Bill to the Council, together with the foregoing Resolution, and request their Concurrence therein.

A Memorial from *Robert Gault*, of the City of *New-York*, Merchant, was read, setting forth that a Farm belonging to him has been confiscated and sold by the Commissioners of forfeited Estates of *Effew* County, and praying, for Reasons therein set forth, that he may have his Property which was so taken, returned to him again.

Ordered, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

Mr. *Blanch* reported that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from the Officers and Soldiers who served on the Lines for three Months in the Year 1781, was read, setting forth that they went into that Service with an Assurance that they should receive for the same *Three Shillings per Day*, since which, a Resolution has passed the Legislature, reducing their Pay, and praying that the Legislature would repeal that Resolution which prevents their receiving *Three Shillings per Day*, &c.

Ordered, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

Mr. *Clark* informed the House, That *Robert Gault* was attending in Town, and wished to be heard on the Subject of his Memorial.

On the Question, Whether the House will hear him thereon ? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Anderson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Norris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hildreth</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,
Mr. <i>Randolph</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,
Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .
Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Hoegland</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dickerson</i> ,	
Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	

Whereupon Mr. *Gault* attended the House, and his Memorial, which was read this Morning, was read a second Time, and he was heard on the Subject thereof, and then withdrew : On the Consideration of the said Memorial and the Observation of the Memorialist, Ordered unanimously, That the said Memorial do lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Fell*.

Council Chamber, August 9, 1784.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly of this Day, relative to authorizing *John Henry* to take into his Charge and Care the Barracks at *Burlington*, &c.

Resolved, That the House do concur therein.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fell* do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith, and also, that the Bill, entitled, “ An Act to suspend, for a limited Time, the Sale of real Estates which have become forfeited to and vested in this State,” is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act for the better securing the Attendance of Witnesses in the several County Courts, and before Justices of the Peace,” was read a second Time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

T U E S D A Y, August 10, 1784.

The House met.

Ordered, That Messrs. *Clark*, *Shreve*, *Marsh*, *Tucker*, and *Schuurman*, with such other Members as chuse to attend, be a Committee to join a Committee of Council in a free Conference on the Subject Matter contained in the Recommendation of Congress respecting the raising a Body of Troops, and holding a Treaty with the Indian Nations ; and that Mr. *Marsh* do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for that Purpose, and request Council to appoint the Time and Place of Meeting.

A Petition from Captain *Cornelius Johnson*, who served with his Company on the Frontiers

tiers in the County of *Suffex*, in the Year 1780, for the Term of six Months, was read, praying that he may receive an Order on the Treasurer for such Sum as is due to his Company for that Service.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from *Thomas Kenney*, who was appointed Contractor for the Counties of *Essex*, and *Suffex*, in the Year 1782, was read, praying that he may receive an Order upon the Treasurer for the Sum of £. 480 being for Provisions and Forage supplied the Troops, together with a Certificate from *Azariah Dunham*, Esq; Superintendant of Purchases, certifying the said Sum to be due to the said *Thomas Kenney*.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

Mr. *Bowen*, with Leave, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, “ An Act to confirm the Charter granted to the first Day Baptist Church in *Hope-well*, in the County of *Cumberland*,” which Bill was read and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Representation and Petition from *Daniel Turner*, setting forth sundry Difficulties attending a Purchase by him made of the Sheriff of the County of *Middlesex*, and praying that a Law may pass to vest him with a good Title for the Lot of Land by him purchased of the said Sheriff.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

Mr. *Covenhoven* and Mr. *Day*, attended and took their Seats.

Mr. *Clark*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, “ An Act to shorten Law Suits, and lessen their Expence, and to authorize Justices of the Peace to try Actions of Assault and Battery,” reported the same with sundry Amendments, and the following Title, “ An Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings in the Courts of Law,” which was read, and the Consideration thereof postponed.

Mr. *Clark*, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, “ An Act to ascertain the Power and Authority of the Ordinary and his Surrogates, to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Prerogative Court, and to establish an Orphan Court in the several Counties of the State,” which Bill was read and ordered to be read a second Time.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, “ An Act for better securing the Attendance of Witnesses in the several County Courts, and before Justices of the Peace” was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Covenhoven* do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Marsh* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Martin*.

Council Chamber, August 10, 1784.

THE Council having taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. *Marsh*, requesting a Conference;

Ordered, That Mr. *Clark*, Mr. *Hornblower*, and Mr. *Manning*, with such other Members as choose to attend, be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, in a free Conference on the Subject mentioned in the said Message: That the said Committees

tees meet at the House of Mr. *Drake*, at Four o'Clock this Afternoon, and that Mr. *Martin* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The Bill, entitled, " An Act for proving, recording, and registering Deeds and Conveyances of Land, and Wills, and Testaments, in the several Counties in this State, and declaring what shall be good Evidence of such Conveyances, Wills, and Testaments," was read a second Time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from *Nicholas Lazier*, of the County of *Bergen*, was read, praying that Leave may be given him so to raise the Water in *Hackinjack* River by Water Works, at the Reef of Rocks joining his Lands, as to make a sufficient Head of Water for a Grist Mill. Also, a Petition from 118 Inhabitants of the said County, praying that the said *Nicholas Lazier* may have a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition.

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition, on advertising his Intention, and a Copy of this Order, in three of the most public Places in the Vicinity of the Place where the said Mill is proposed to be erected for at least three Weeks previous thereto.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, entitled, " An Act to revive and continue the Act, entitled, An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Township of *Pennborough*, *Piles Grove* and *Pitts Grove*, in the County of *Salem*, to repair their public Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that Purpose," which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Van-Cleve* attended and took his Seat.

The Members withdrew to attend a joint Conference, and then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, August 11, 1784.

The House met.

A Petition from *John Gould*, late Collector of the Township of *Acquackanunk*, in the County of *Essex*, was read, setting forth that he had been robbed of a considerable Sum of public Money by Robbers from *Staten-Island*, on the 2d September, 1782, and praying that he may be heard before the House on that Subject.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Certificate of Half-pay adjudged by the Court of Common Pleas of the County of *Middlesex*, in Favour of *Peter Clinton*, late a Soldier of Capt. *Imlay's* Company of the Troops of this State, and who was wounded in the Service of the United States, was read and approved.

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said *Peter Clinton*, for the Amount of his

his Half-pay, from the 30th September, 1777, deducting such Sums therefrom as he has received from the Legislature and Council of Safety of this State.

A Petition from *Elias Boudenot*, Esq; Executor of the last Will and Testament of the late Rev. *James Cadwell*, deceased, was read, praying Leave to present a Bill to authorize and empower the Executor of the last Will and Testament of *James Caldwell*, deceased, to perfect the Sale of his real Estate, to answer the Purposes therein mentioned.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition. Whereupon,

Mr. *Clark*, in Behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, " An Act to authorize and empower the Executor of the last Will and Testament of *James Caldwell*, deceased, to perfect the Sale of his real Estate, to answer the Purposes therein mentioned," which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from the Deputies of the County of *Morris*, the Towns of *Elizabeth*, *Woodbridge*, *Pertb-Amboy*, *Piscataway*, *New-Brunswick*, *Princeton*, *Trenton*, and *Lamberton*, convened at *New-Brunswick*, the 9th of *August*, 1784, was read, suggesting Measures proper to be adopted by the Legislature for the Encouragement of Trade and Commerce, and praying Leave to present a Bill for the Encouragement of Trade.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

The Representation and Petition from *Daniel Turner* read Yesterday, was read a second Time. Whereupon,

Ordered, That the Petitioner be heard before the House on the Subject of his Petition:

The Petitioner, according to the above Order, attended the House, and was heard with his Evidence on the Subject of his said Representation. Whereupon,

Ordered, That he have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition:

Mr. *Clark*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of Council in a Conference on the Resolution of Congress, of the third Day of *June* last, respecting the raising One Hundred and Ten Men in this State, having had a Conference with the Committee of Council on the Matter to them referred. Reported as follows:

That it is the Opinion of the Committees, that the Men called for from this State by the Recommendation of Congress referred to their Consideration, ought to be raised as soon as practicable, and that a Law be passed for that Purpose with all possible Expedition.

A B R A H A M C L A R K:

The engrossed Bill, entitled, " An Act for proving, recording and registering Deeds and Conveyances of Land, and Wills and Testaments in the several Counties in this State, and declaring what shall be good Evidence of such Conveyances, Wills and Testaments," was read and compared.

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Norris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,
Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> .
Mr. <i>Marfb</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hildreth</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Schnurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Randolph</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Hoagland</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dickerson</i> ,	
Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Anderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bunn* do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Bunn* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Petition from *John Gould*, of the Township of *Acquackanunch*, in the County of *Essex*, respecting a Sum of public Money taken by Robbers, was read a second Time.

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to appear before the House with his Witnesses, on *Thursday* the Nineteenth of *August* Instant, to support the Facts set forth in his Petition, and that he have Subpœnas for such Witnesses as he may deem necessary.

A Petition from *Derck Vreeland*, of the County of *Bergen*, was read and ordered to be filed.

A Petition from *John Bray*, late one of the Contractors for supplying the Militia and Troops of this State with Rations, &c. was read, accompanied with a Certificate from *Azariah Dunham*, Esq; Superintendant of Purchases of this State, certifying that there is due him, 107*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.* half-penny, and praying that the Treasurer may be directed to discharge the same with the Interest thereon, from 6*th* *August* 1784.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Memorial from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Bergen Neck* was read, praying that a Law may pass to order the Road from *Bergen Point* to *Powles-Hook*, commonly called the Old Road, to be stopped up, and that Direction be given in the said Law for another Road to be laid out along *Kill Van Kull*, till it intersects the Road along *Newark Bay*, and to continue the Road along *Newark Bay* from *Bergen Point* up *Newark Bay*, as it now runs, which will be much more to the Convenience of the Inhabitants.

Ordered, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

Mr. *Anderson* delivered to the House the following Report, to wit:

Agreeably

Agreeably to a Resolution of the 24th of *December* last, I have carefully computed the Amount of all the Certificates that come within the Description of the said Resolution which were delivered to me by *John Stevens, jun. Esq;* late Treasurer, *viz.*

From No. 1, to No. 312. From No. 1, to 154. From No. 1, to No. 67. From No. 1, to No. 124. From No. 1, to No. 24. From No. 1, to No. 43. From No. 1, to No. 82. From 1, to No. 3. From No. 1, to No. 24. From No. 1, to No. 73. From No. 1, to No. 92. From No. 1, to No. 190. From No. 1, to No. 32. From No. 1, to No. 37. From No. 1, to No. 2. No. 1. From No. 10, to No. 18. From No. 1, to No. 223. From No. 1, to No. 47. From No. 1, to No. 129. From No. 1, to No. 3. From No. 1, to No. 60. From No. 1, to No. 5. From No. 1, to No. 12. From No. 1, to No. 11. From No. 1, to No. 64. From No. 1, to No. 36. From No. 1, to No. 3. From No. 1, to No. 3. From No. 1, to No. 168. From No. 1, to No. 7. From No. 1, to No. 21. From No. 1, to No. 87. From No. 1, to No. 124. From No. 1, to No. 61. From No. 1, to No. 30. From No. 1, to No. 128. From No. 1, to No. 14. From No. 1, to No. 485. From No. 1, to No. 399. From No. 1, to No. 164. From No. 1, to No. 122. From No. 1, to No. 237. From No. 1, to No. 60. From No. 1, to No. 170. From No. 1, to No. 42. From No. 1, to No. 7. From No. 1, to No. 293. No. 1. From No. 1, to No. 4. From No. 1, to No. 1331. From No. 1, to No. 194. From No. 1, to No. 24. From No. 1, to No. 198. From No. 1, to No. 165. From No. 1, to No. 497. From No. 1, to No. 134. From No. 1, to No. 5. From No. 1, to No. 76. From No. 1, to No. 2. From No. 1, to No. 4, and No. 1, all inclusive, and find the Amount to be six Millions two Hundred and seventy seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-two Dollars, and Thirty-seven Ninetieths of a Dollar, Continental Money; Fourteen Thousand, four Hundred and forty-seven Dollars, and Forty-two Ninetieths of a Dollar Specie, and Four Hundred and Fifty-eight Dollars State Money. A particular Registry, containing the Number of each Certificate, the Time when given, the Name and Rank of the Officer who gave the same, the Persons Names to whom given, the Time when due, and the Amount of the Certificates respectively is also herewith delivered.

GEORGE ANDERSON.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act to confirm the Charter granted to the first Day Baptist Church in *Hopewell*, in the County of *Cumberland*, was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Nine of the Clock;

T H U R D A Y, August 12, 1784.

The House met.

Mr. *Anderson*, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, “ An Act to vest in *Daniel Turner*, his Heirs and Assigns, the Title to a House and Lot of Land situate in the City of *Perth-Amboy*,” which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, “ An Act to confirm the Charter granted to the first Day Baptist Church in *Hopewell*, in the County of *Cumberland*,” was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Colonel *Shreve* do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act for vesting in *Guiliam Demarest*, the real Estate of *David G. Demarest*, a Fugitive from this State,” was read a second Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

Colonel *Shreve* reported, That he has obeyed the Order of the House.

A Certificate of Half-pay adjudged by the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of *Morris*, in Favour of *Joseph King*, late an Adjutant of the 4th *Jersey* Regiment, and who was wounded while in the Service of the United States, was read, Whereupon,

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said *Joseph King*, for the Sum of Ten Dollars *per* Month, from the 20th Day of *January* 1784, for and during his Disability.

The House adjourned to Three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. *Marsh*, with Leave, presented a Bill, entitled, “ An Act to pass Estates in Fee by certain Devises in Wills and Testaments, and to limit Estates in Tail” which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *Edward Griffith*, late Collector of the Township of *Piscataway*, in the County of *Middlesex*, was read, setting forth, that on the 28th Day of *August* 1783, he was robbed of 87*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.* in Gold or Silver Money, which was then in his Hands, and praying that he might have Leave to appear before the House with his Evidences, to prove the Fact set forth in his Petition.

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to appear before the House on *Tuesday* the seventeenth Day of *August* Instant, at Ten o’Clock in the Morning, with his Evidences, to prove the Facts set forth in his Petition.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Hornblower*.

Council Chamber, *August* 12, 1784.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Hornblower* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that the Bill, entitled, “ An Act for the better securing the Attendance of Witnesses in the several County Courts, and before Justices of the Peace,” is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings in the Courts of Law,” was read a second Time, and after some Time spent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

F R I D A Y,

F R I D A Y, August 13, 1784.

The House met.

A Petition from *Samuel Hillier*, of the Township of *Northampton*, in the County of *Burlington*, was read, praying that he may have Leave to present a Bill to empower him to erect a Dam and Water Works on the South Branch of *Ancocas* Creek, so as to raise a sufficient Head of Water for a Grist and Saw Mill, he leaving sufficient Gateways and Passages for Rafts from the Mills above on the same Stream.

Also, a Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington*, praying that the said *Samuel Hillier* may have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his said Petition.

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting of the Assembly, he previously advertising the Purport of his Petition, and a Copy of this Order in three of the most public Places in the Township of *Northampton*, in the said County, for at least three Weeks previous thereto.

Three Petitions from the Inhabitants of *Elizabeth Town* were read, praying that a Law may pass to confirm and renew the Charter of Incorporation granted by the King of *Great-Britain* to the Borough of *Elizabeth*, or that a Law may pass to direct one half of the Courts in each Year to be held at *Elizabeth Town*, and the other half to be held at *Newark*.

Ordered, That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

A Petition from a Number of Men who enlisted and served in the first Regiment of this State for nine Months was read, setting forth that though they had been informed that the Paymasters of said Regiment had drawn their Pay, it has not been in their Power to receive the same from them, and praying the Aid of the Legislature for their Relief.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from *John Mercereau*, of *Staten-Island* was read on the same Subject with the Memorial from the Inhabitants of *Bergen Neck*, read on the 11th Instant, and which was now read a second Time ; Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Petitions, and the several Papers accompanying the same, be committed to Messrs. *Dey*, *Blanch*, *Marsh* and *Hugg*, and that they report their Opinion thereon to the House.

A Certificate from the Court of Common Pleas of the County of *Monmouth*, of an adjudged Allowance of five Dollars *per* Month, unto Lieutenant *Garret Hendrickson*, of the first Regiment of *Monmouth* Militia, who was wounded in the Service of the United States, was read and approved.

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said Lieutenant *Garret Hendrickson*, for the said Sum of five Dollars *per* Month, from the 12th Day of *June* 1780, during his Disability.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act to vest in *Daniel Turner*, his Heirs and Assigns, the Title to a House and Lot of Land, situate in the City of *Perth-Amboy*,” was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act to authorize and empower the Executor of the last Will and Testament of *Janes Caldwell*, deceased, to perfect the Sale of his real Estate, to answer the Purposes therein mentioned,” was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from *Edward Dunlap*, Esq; Agent of forfeited Estates, late County Collector and Paymaster of the County of *Suffex*, was read, praying that an Enquiry may be made in the most public and speedy Mode into his Conduct, in the Execution of the said Offices, together with a Petition from a Number of the most respectable Inhabitants of the said County of *Suffex*, setting forth the Accuracy and Propriety, Mr. *Dunlap* has ever observed in keeping his Accounts in the several Offices he has executed in the County of *Suffex*; Whereupon,

The Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Suffex*, read on the sixth Instant, complaining of the Conduct of the said *Edward Dunlap*, in the Execution of his Office as Agent of forfeited Estates, and of his embezzling large Sums of Money belonging to the County, was read a second Time.

Ordered, That the Petitioners in the last mentioned Petition, be heard before the House on *Wednesday* the 25th of this Instant, at Three o’Clock in the Afternoon, and that Mr. *Dunlap* do attend the House on that Day, to vindicate himself against the Charges exhibited by them against him; and that he do serve *John Armstrong*, Collector of the County of *Suffex*, with a Copy of this Order, or leave the same at his usual Place of Abode, eight Days previous to the Day of hearing.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, “ An Act to vest in *Daniel Turner*, his Heirs and Assigns, the Title to a House and Lot of Land, situate in the City of *Perth-Amboy*,” was read and compared.

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,
Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	Mr. <i>Anderson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,
Mr. <i>Randolph</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Norris</i> ,
Mr. <i>Covenhoven</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hildreth</i> ,
Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,
Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dickerson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Hoegland</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> ,	
Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hugg* do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Manning*.

Council Chamber, August 13, 1784.

Ordered, That Mr. *Manning* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that the Bill, entitled, “ An Act to confirm the Charter granted to the first Day Baptist Church in *Hopewell*, in the County of *Cumberland*, is passed by this House without Amendment.

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The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Lawrence*.

Council Chamber, August 13, 1784.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lawrence* do carry to the House of Assembly, the Bill, entitled, " An Act, to raise *One Hundred and Ten* Men in the State of *New-Jersey*, to serve for twelve Months unless sooner discharged," and request their concurrence therein ; which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Township of Upper *Alloway's* Creek, in the County of *Salem*, read on the seventh Instant, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The Bill, entitled, " An Act to revive and continue the Act, entitled, " An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Township of *Elfenborough*, *Piles Grove*, and *Pitts Grove*, in the County of *Salem*, to repair their public Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that Purpose, so far as the same relates to the Township of *Elfenborough*," was read a second Time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Hugg* reported that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition from *James Parker*, Attorney to *Robert Barker*, &c. read on the seventh Instant, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. *Tucker*, *Marß*, and *Anderson*, and that they bring in a Bill to repeal the several Acts appointing Agents to take Charge of such Estates as belong to the Subjects of the King of *Great-Britain*.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

S A T U R D A Y, August 14, 1784.

The House met.

Mr. *Dey*, from the Committee appointed Yesterday to report their Opinion on the Petitions presented to this House by *John Mercereau* and *Thomas Griffin*, and from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Bergen*, Reported as follows :

That they are of opinion, that the old Road through *Bergen*, from *Kill Van Kull* to *Powles Hook*, as the same now runs, is entirely unnecessary, and that the Bay Road is established by Law, and as to the Road to be laid out along the Bank of the said *Kill Van Kull*, they are of Opinion that the Surveyors of the Highways are competent to the Prayer of the Petitioners.

August 14, 1784.

T H E U N I S D E Y.

To which the House agreed.

The Bill, entitled, " An Act to alter and amend an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors," was read a second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House having been informed that there are in the Possession of *Richard Smith*, Esq; at *Burlington*, sundry Books and Papers belonging to the House of Assembly.

Ordered,

Ordered, That *Maskeil Ewing*, jun. Clerk of the Assembly, be directed to call upon the said *Richard Smith*, Esq; for such Books and Papers as may be in his Possession, belonging to the House of Assembly, and also call upon any person who may have Chairs or other Furniture in their Possession belonging to the House of Assembly, and to give him or them a Receipt for the same; and also, that he lay the same before the House of Assembly at their next Sitting.

Mr. Tucker, agreeably to Leave given at the last Sitting, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, “ A Supplement to the Act, entitled, an Act for running and ascertaining the Line of Partition or Division between the eastern and western Divisions of the Province of *New-Jersey*, and for preventing Disputes for the future concerning the same, and for securing to the general Proprietors of the Soil of each of the Divisions, and Persons claiming under them, their several and respective Possessions, Rights, and just Claims;” Whereupon, a Petition from *John Stevens* and *James Parker*, in Behalf of the general Proprietors of *East New-Jersey* was read, setting forth that they are desirous to be heard before the House by Counsel, in Opposition to the passing of the said Bill.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second Time, on the second *Tuesday* of the next Sitting, and that the Proprietors of *East-Jersey*, as well as the Proprietors of *West-Jersey*, be then heard before the House by their Counsel, and that the Clerk do serve the Parties with a Copy of this Order.

Mr. Randolph, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, “ An Act for establishing certain free Ports in the State of *New-Jersey*, and for the Encouragement of Commerce therein,” which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading,

A Petition from *William Bott*, late Adjutant-General of the Militia of the County of *Morris*, with a Statement of an Account against the Public, and praying Payment, was read, and ordered a second Reading,

A Message from the Council by *Mr. Clark*.

Council Chamber, August 14, 1784.

Ordered, That *Mr. Clark* do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill, entitled, “ An Act to vest in Major-General *Baron Steuben*, his Heirs and Assigns, a Tract of Land, situate in the County of *Bergen*, and request there concurrence therein.”

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from Captain *Cornelius Johnson*; the Petition from the Soldiers who served nine Months in the first Regiment of this State; and the Petition from the Officers and Soldiers who served in the Lines for three Months in the Year 1781, were severally read a second Time, and committed to Messrs, *Combs*, *Bunn*, and *Maxwell*, to report their Opinion thereon to the House.

A Petition from *John Logan*, of the County of *Morris*, who purchased Provisions for the Use of the Army of the United States while they lay in the County of *Morris*, setting forth that he is harrassed and vexed with Prosecutions daily for Property by him purchased for the Use of the Army, and that all his Property is in Danger of being wrested out of his Hands to discharge Debts by him contracted for the benefit of the Army, without the Interposition of the Legislature in his Behalf.

Ordered, That the said Petition be committed to Messrs. *Cook*, *Anderson*, *Marsh* and *Shreve*; and that they report there Opinion thereon to the House.

Ordered,

Ordered, That *Jacob Carpenter* and *Abraham Carpenter* have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, presented to the House on the 5th of *December* last, on advertising the Purport of their Petition, and a Copy of this Order for at least three Weeks previous thereto, in the Township of *Greenwich*, in the County of *Suffex*, and that they be served with a Copy of this Order.

The House adjourned till Monday Afternoon, Three of the Clock.

M O N D A Y, August 16, 1784.

The House met.

A Petition from sundry Persons who have served on the frontiers of this State, in the Service of the United States, was read, praying, for reasons therein contained, that they may be exempted from paying Taxes for such a Number of Years as the Legislature shall think proper.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, " An Act to authorize and empower the Executor of the last Will and Testament of *James Caldwell*, deceased, to perfect the Sale of his real Estate, to answer the Purposes therein mentioned," was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, " An Act to revive and continue the Act, entitled, An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Township of *Elfenborough*, *Piles Grove*, and *Pitts Grove*, in the County of *Salem*, to repair their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that Purpose, so far as the same relates to the Township of *Elfenborough*," was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The Warrant, entitling Lieutenant *Garret Hendrickson*, Adjutant *Joseph King*, Mr. *Peter Clinton*, and Mr. *Jacob Hall*, Officers and Soldiers who have been wounded in the Service of the United States, to receive Pensions from this State, was read and approved.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the two above-mentioned Bills, and the said several Warrants.

Ordered, That Mr. *Smith* do carry the said Warrants and Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Tucker*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, entitled, " An Act to repeal the three several Acts therein after mentioned ;" which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from *John Bray*, read on the 11th Instant, and the Petition from *Thomas Kenny*, read on the 10th Instant, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. *Van-Cleve* and *Schuurman*, to report their Opinion thereon to the House.

A Petition from *Samuel Nielson*, of the County of *Middlesex*, was read ; also, the Petition from *William Christie*, read on the 7th Instant, was read a second Time, praying compensation for Provisions by them furnished the Army of the United States.

Ordered, That the same be committed to Mr. *Cook*, Mr. *Anderson*, and Colonel *Sbreve*, to report their Opinion thereon to the House.

A Petition from *Charles Suydam*, of the County of *Middlesex*, was read, setting forth that he had advanced 70*l.* to complete the Bridge across the River *Raritan*, at *Raritan Landing*, and praying that a Law may pass directing and ordering the said Sum of Money reimbursed to him by the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Somerset*.

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition at the next Sitting, previously advertising the Purport of his Petition, and a Copy of this Order, for at least three Weeks in the *New Jersey Journal*.

A Petition from sundry respectable Inhabitants of the County of *Bergen* was read, praying that a Law may be passed for appointing Trustees to take upon them the Management of the Ferry on the East Side of *Hackinsack River*, and to apply the Profits arising from the same to the Repair of the Causeway and Bridge leading thereto, until the Proprietor or Proprietors shall give sufficient Security for maintaining and keeping in Repair the Bridge and Causeway leading thereto.

Ordered, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

T U E S D A Y, August 17, 1784.

The House met.

A Petition from *Thomas Gardener*, of the County of *Morris*, was read, praying, for Reasons therein contained, that he may have Leave to present a Bill to divorce him from *Jane*, his Wife.

Ordered, That the Petitioner appear before the House on *Monday* next, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, with his Witnesses, to support the Charges set forth in his Petition; and that he serve *Jane*, his Wife, with a Copy of this Order, at least four Days previous thereto.

Mr. Garretse attended and took his Seat.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act to raise One Hundred and Ten Men in the State of *New-Jersey*, to serve for twelve Months, unless sooner discharged,” was read a third Time.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That *Mr. Lambert* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that the same is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Smith reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act to repeal the three several Acts therein after-mentioned,” was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Lambert reported that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from the Council, by *Mr. Holme*.

Council Chamber, August 17, 1784.

Ordered, That *Mr. Holme* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that the Bill, entitled, “ An Act to vest in *Daniel Turner*, his Heirs and Assigns, the Title to a House and Lot of Land, situate in the City of *Perth-Amboy*, is passed by this House, without Amendment.

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A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Common Pleas of the County of *Effex*, in Favour of *Sarah Crane*, Widow of *Jonas Crane*, late a Soldier of the Militia of the County of *Effex*, and who was killed in the Service of the United States, was read and approved.

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said *Sarah Crane*, for *Twenty-five Shillings per Month*, being the Amount of her late Husband's Half-pay, from the fourth Day of *April*, 1782, for and during her Widowhood,

Ordered, That Messrs. *Clark*, *Van-Cleve*, and Colonel *Skreve*, be a Committee to bring in a Supplement to the Act, entitled, "An Act to raise a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings *per Annum*, for the Term of Twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, &c.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act to repeal the three several Acts therein after-mentioned," was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cook* do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Carle*.

Council Chamber, August 17, 1784.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Warrants, entitling Lieutenant *Garret Hendrickson*, Mr. *Peter Clinton*, and Mr. *Jacob Hall*, to receive a Pension from this State, with the Certificates accompanying the same.

Resolved, That the House do concur therein.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, *Edward Griffith* attended the House with his Witnesses, to support the Facts set forth in his Petition presented to this House on the 12th Instant, and after having examined *John Griffith*, *Margaret Griffith*, and *John Gilman*, and *Jacob Martin*, Esquires, with Respect to the same.

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, praying that State and Continental Certificates may be made a legal Tender in the Discharge of all Suits and Actions now depending or that may hereafter be commenced.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Morris*, praying that the Legislature would order Money emitted on Loan, was read and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from the Inhabitants of *Elizabeth-Town*, praying that a Law may pass to confirm and renew the Charter of Incorporation heretofore given to the said Borough of *Elizabeth*, or that half the Courts held in said County may be held at *Elizabeth-Town*, and half in *Newark*.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting, directing half the Courts held in said County, to be held at *Elizabeth-Town*, and that half the said Courts be held at *Newark*, they advertising the Purport of their Petition, and a Copy of this Order for at least three Weeks, in five public Places in the County of *Essex*.

A Petition from the Citizens of the North Ward of the City of *Pertb-Amboy* was read, praying that the Charter of Incorporation, heretofore given to the said City of *Amboy*, may be renewed with certain Alterations.

Ordered, That the said Petition be read a second Time.

Mr. *Cook* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, August 18, 1784.

The House met.

A Petition from *Eliakim Little*, a Prisoner in the Goal at *Newark*, in the County of *Essex*, was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Members withdrew to attend a joint Meeting, and being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Petition from *George Harrison* was read, setting forth that he pressed a Horse by proper Authority, while in the Service of the United States; that the same was stolen from him, and that he has lately been prosecuted for the Value of the Horse, and Judgment has gone against him for *Fifty Pounds*, and praying that he may receive the same from the State.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from *John Case*, of the County of *Suffex*, was read, praying that a Law may pass to direct the Agent to stay the Sale of One Hundred Acres of Land, which was forfeited as the Property of *Joseph Earton*, and which was really the Property of the Petitioner; and further, that he may be heard before the House to prove that the same is justly and properly his Right.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from the Justices and Freeholders of the County of *Essex*, was read and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered, That Messrs. *Tucker*, *Van-Cleve*, and *Anderson*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill to raise a Tax of 15,000*l.* in Specie, to redeem 45,000*l.* of the Bills of Credit of this State.

Mr. *Randolph*, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, “ An Act to release *Edward Griffith*, from the Payment of a Sum of public Money taken by Robbers,” which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*.

Council Chamber, August 18, 1784.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ogden* do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the Bill, entitled, “ An Act to authorize and empower the Executor of the last Will and Testament of *James Caldwell*, deceased, to perfect the Sale of his real Estate, to answer the Pur-

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poses therein mentioned ;” And the Bill, entitled, “ An Act, to revive and continue the Act, entitled, “ An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Township of *Elfenborough*, *Piles Grove*, and *Pitts Grove*, in the County of *Salem*, to repair their public Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that Purpose, so far forth as the same relates to the Township of *Elfenborough*,” are passed by the House without Amendment.

The Order of the Day of the fifth of *December* last being read, the Speaker laid before the House a Memorial from *Peter Hopkins*, Esq; setting forth that he is waiting in Town, and would be ready to wait on the House to vindicate himself against the Charges exhibited against him on the fifth of *December* last, but that one of his most material Evidences is detained and cannot be here before To-morrow, and praying that the Hearing of Evidences on the Charges exhibited against him may be postponed till To-morrow, Three o’Clock Afternoon.

Ordered, That the same be postponed accordingly.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, “ An Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings in the Courts of Law,” and after having gone through the same,

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Mr. *Ellis* attended and took his Seat.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth* was read, praying that the Treasurer may be directed to off-set the Interest on Loan-Office Certificates in their Possession for the Tax due from them to the Treasury.

Ordered, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Morris* was read, praying that the House would direct *Moore Furman*, late Deputy-Quarter-Master-General of this State, to deliver to them certain Vouchers and Accounts.

Ordered, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

T H U R S D A Y, *August* 19, 1784.

The House met.

Mr. *Ewing*, from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws have expired or are near expiring, reported as follows :

That the Act, entitled, “ An Act for re-building, repairing, and maintaining the Draw-bridge over *Croswick’s* Creek, in the County of *Burlington*, and for repairing the Causeways adjoining said Bridge, Passed the 11th of *March* 1774, hath expired since the last Sitting.

J O S H U A E W I N G,

J O H N S T A R K E.

Whereupon,

Mr. *Van-Cleve*, with Leave presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, “ An Act to revive and continue the Act, entitled, An Act for re-building, repairing, and maintaining the Draw-bridge over *Croswick’s* Creek, in the County of *Burlington*, and for repairing the Causeways adjoining said Bridge,” which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington*, was read, praying that some Amendments may be made to the present Militia Law, and particularly that the Fines may be reduced to a less Sum for Neglect of doing Military Duty:

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition from *Jonathan Clew* was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *John Stillwell*, Agent of forfeited Estates for the County of *Monmouth*, was read and referred to the next Sitting.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Gloucester* was read, praying that they may have Leave to present a Bill, to empower them to erect a Dam across, and Water-works in *Newtown Creek* in said County; for the Improvement of the Meadows thereon.

Also, a Petition was read, from sundry Persons of the same County, praying that they may be heard before the House in Opposition thereto.

Ordered, That the Petitioners be heard before the House on the Third *Tuesday* of the next Sitting of the Legislature, both for and against the said Bill, and that they be served with a Copy of this Order.

A Certificate of an Allowance adjudged by the Court of Common Pleas of the County of *Gloucester*, in Favour of *Andrew Ross*, a disabled Soldier, late of the first Battalion of *Gloucester* County Militia, and who was wounded and disabled in the Service of the United States, was read and approved.

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said *Andrew Ross*, for Ten Shillings per Month, from the Twenty-ninth Day of *October*, 1777, for and during his Disability.

A Petition from *Mary Allen*, Widow of *John Allen*, Esq; late of the City of *Philadelphia*, deceased, on Behalf of her Infant Sons, *William* and *John Allen*, was read, praying that she may have Leave to present a Bill to enable her to sell and convey the undivided five sixteenth Parts of the Messuages, Furnaces, Forges, Lands, and Tenements, called the *Andover* Iron Works in this State, being the Estate of her said Sons, she giving proper Security, that the Money for which the same shall be sold, shall be well secured and truly accounted for to her said Sons when they arrive at the Age of Twenty-one Years, or in Case of their Decease, to their lawful Heirs.

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of her Petition at the next Sitting, previously advertising the Purport of her Petition, and a Copy of this Order, for at least three Weeks in the *New-Jersey Gazette*, and in one of the *Pennsylvania* News-Papers.

The Petition from *John Case*, read on the 18th Instant, was read a second Time; Whereupon,

Ordered, That he be heard before the House with his Witneses, to support the Facts set forth in the Petition on the Third *Wednesday* of the next Sitting.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, on the Petition of *John Gould*, late Collector of the Township of *Acquackanunk*, in the County of *Essex*, the said *John Gould* attended the House with his Witneses, to prove that he was robbed of a Sum of public Money, and after having examined *Sarah Spear*, *Samuel Crane*, Esq; *Encrease Gould*, *Diana Vanderhoof*, *John Keaslead*, *Sarah Clawson*, *Peter J. Riker*, and *Caleb Hetfield*.

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his said Petition,

A Memorial from *John Stevens, jun. Esq;* late Treasurer of this State, was read, setting forth that a considerable Balance is due from him to the Treasury of the State, that he is now ready to discharge the same if the Treasurer would allow the Interest due him from the State on Loan Office Certificates, and State Money made payable by Law, and praying that the Treasurer may be directed to allow him the Interest on the said Certificates towards the Discharge of the said Balance.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council by *Mr. Tallman.*

Council Chamber, August 19, 1784:

Ordered, That *Mr. Tallman* do carry to the House of Assembly, the Bill, entitled, " An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act for laying out a Road from *Newark* in the County of *Essex*, to the public Road leading from *Bergen Point* to *Powles Hook* on *Hudson's River*, in the County of *Bergen*, and for erecting and establishing Ferries across the River *Passaick* and *Huckinsack*, and the Supplementary Act thereto." And also, the Bill, entitled, " An Act to repeal the three several Acts therein mentioned," with the Amendments made thereto by this House, and request their Concurrence to the said Bill and Amendments.

Which first mentioned Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

And the second Bill in the said Message mentioned with the Amendments made thereto; were severally read in their Places, and disagreed to by the House.

Ordered, That *Mr. Townsend* do wait on the Council, and acquaint them, that this House do adhere to their Bill.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Garretse, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, " An Act to release *John Gould*, late Collector of the Township of *Aquackanunck*, in the County of *Essex*, from the Payment of a Sum of public Money, taken by Robbers," which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

The Order of the Day being called for.

Ordered, That the hearing be postponed till To-morrow Afternoon, Three o'Clock;

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the City of *Burlington* was read, suggesting the Propriety of the Legislatures giving the Preference to that Place for a free Port.

Ordered, That the said Petition be read a second Time with the Act for the Encouragement of Trade and Commerce.

Mr. Garretse, agreeably to Leave heretofore given, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, " An Act to divide the Township of *Aquackanunck*, in the County of *Essex*, into two Districts, and to enable the Inhabitants in each District annually, to chuse one Assessor and one Collector;" Whereupon the Speaker laid before the House, a Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the said Township, praying that a Division may not be made in the said Township.

Ordered, That the said Petition and Bill be read a second Time.

A Message

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Hughes*.

Council Chamber, August 19, 1784.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hughes* do carry to the House of Assembly, the Bill, entitled, " An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, An Act to amend, revive, and continue an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors," and request their Concurrence therein, which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Dey*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill entitled, " An Act to make void a certain Road or Highway, in the County of *Bergen*, here-in after-mentioned," which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, " An Act to relieve *Edward Griffith*, from the Payment of a Sum of public Money taken by Robbers," was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Schuurman*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, entitled, " An Act to ascertain the Debts due from this State, and to prevent Frauds in the Certificates heretofore issued under the Authority of the same," which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, " An Act to vest in Major-General *Baron Steuben*, his Heirs and Assigns, a Tract of Land situate in the County of *Bergen*," was read a second Time.

On the Question, Whether the same be read a third Time? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,
Mr. <i>Garretts</i> ,	Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,	Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Norris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ellis</i> ,
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,
Mr. <i>Randolph</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> .
Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dickerson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bowen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Hoegland</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Anderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> .	

Ordered, That Mr. *Bowen* do wait on the Council and acquaint them that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

The Bill, entitled, " An Act to release *John Gould*, late Collector of the Township of *Acquackanunk*, in the County of *Essex*, from the Payment of a Sum of public Money taken by Robbers," was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Van-Cleve*, from the Committee to whom were referred the Petitions from *John Bray* and *Thomas Kenney*, reported as follows :

That the Bill, entitled, " An Act to provide for the Defence of the Frontiers, and for defraying the Expences of the Government of this State, authorizes *Azariah Dunham*, Esq; to draw from the Treasurer of this State, such Sums as may be necessary for the Discharge

charge of the Contracts specified in the afore said Petition ; therefore your Committee are of Opinion, that the said Contracts should be discharged as soon as the State of the Treasury will admit thereof.

BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE,
JAMES SCHUURMAN.

To which the House agreed,

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Township of *Roxbury, Mendham, and Pequannock*, in the County of *Morris*, praying, for Reasons therein contained, a new Township may be set off from the Three said Townships, and that they may have Leave to present a Bill for that Purpose.

Ordered, That they have Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of their Petition, and a Copy of this Order in three of the most public Places in each of the said several Townships.

The House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

F R I D A Y, August 20, 1784.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, “ An Act to release *John Gould*, Collector of the Township of *Acquackanunck*, in the County of *Essex*, from the Payment of a Sum of public Money taken by Robbers,” was read and compared.

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Dey,	Mr. Norris,	Mr. Combs,
Mr. Garretse,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Hoagland,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Van Cleve,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Bowen,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Dickerson,	
Col. Shreve,	Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Van-Campen,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Maxwell,	
Mr. Ellis,		
Mr. Loyd,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Van-Campen do carry the said Bill to Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

A Petition from *Mary Ewing*, Widow and Administratrix of all and singular the Goods, &c. of *Samuel Ewing*, late of *Salem County*, Esq; deceased, was read, setting forth that the said deceased, shortly before his Death, purchased a Plantation, that the Purchase Money remains unpaid to a larger Amount than the personal Estate if sold would pay, that she is advised no Part of the Lands can be sold to pay the Debts till the personal Estate is first sold and paid out, and praying that a Law may pass to vest sufficient Power in the Petitioner, or some other Person, to sell so much of the Lands as will be sufficient to discharge the Debts!

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Ordered,

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of her Petition, previously advertising the Purport of the same, and a Copy of this Order for three Weeks in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*.

A Representation and Petition from the Members of the Presbyterian Congregation in *New-Brunswick* was read, praying that a Law may pass to incorporate a certain Number of Persons as Trustees for the said Congregation, and that they may have Leave to present a Bill for that Purpose.

Ordered, That they have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

Whereupon,

Mr. *Schuurman* presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, " An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in *New-Brunswick*," which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Clark*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, entitled, " A Supplement to the Act, entitled, An Act, for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings *per Annum*, for the Term of Twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress, of the 18th of April, 1783, and for appropriating the same," which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Townsend* reported, That he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, entitled, " An Act to revive and continue an Act, entitled, An Act for rebuilding, repairing, and maintaining the Drawbridge over *Croswick's Creek*, in the County of *Burlington*, and for repairing the Causeways adjoining said Bridge," was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from *John and George Ely*, of the County of *Hunterdon*, was read, setting forth That *George Ely*, their Father, hath, for many Years past, been deprived of his Understanding, that his Estate suffers very much for Want of some Person legally authorized to transact his Business, and praying that they may have Leave to present a Bill to enable them legally to take Charge of his Estate, and to act for him, and in his Stead, in all Cases relating to the same.

Ordered, That they have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition.

A Petition was presented from the Inhabitants of *Trenton* and its Vicinity, accompanied with a Bill, entitled, " An Act for erecting Part of the Township of *Nottingham*, in the County of *Burlington*, and Part of the Township of *Trenton*, in the County of *Hunterdon* into a City, and for incorporating the same, by the Name of the City of *Trenton*, and for declaring the same a free City and Port, for the Term of Twenty-five Years," and praying that the same may be enacted into a Law; Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second Time.

The Petition from *George Harrison*, read on the 18th Instant, was read a second Time, and committed to Mr. *Marsh* and Colonel *Shreve*, to present a Bill for the Relief of the Petitioner.

Mr. *Bowen* reported that he had obeyed the Order of the House,

The Bill, entitled, " An Act to pass Estates in Fee, by certain Devises in Wills and Testaments, and to limit Estates in Tail," was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House being informed that the Petitioners for appointing Commissioners for running and ascertaining the North Side Lines of what is called the *Society's Great Tract* in *Hunterdon* County, extending from *Almatunck Falls* to *Delaware River*, and for dividing such Parts of said Tract into Allotments as has not hitherto been divided, had omitted giving the Notice directed the last Sitting previous to their bringing in a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of the Petitioners. Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill at the next Sitting of Assembly agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, upon advertising the Purport of such Bill in the Public News-Papers of this State, six Weeks previous to the Meeting of the Legislature.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met:

The engrossed Bill, entitled, " An Act to make void a certain Road or Highway in the County of *Bergen*, herein after mentioned," was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, " An Act to release *Edward Griffith*, from the Payment of a Sum of public Money taken by Robbers," was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills:

Ordered, That Mr. *Dey* do carry the said Bills to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Tucker*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, entitled, " An Act for raising the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds, to be applied towards sinking the Bills of Credit of this State," which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Clark*, with Leave presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, " An Act for the Sale of a certain Tract of Land in the County of *Bergen*, for the Uses therein mentioned," which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Dey* reported that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Fell*.

Council-Chamber, August 20, 1784.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fell* do carry to the House of Assembly, the Bill, entitled, " An Act for the vesting the real Estate, Lands, and Tenements of *David Henry*, deceased, in Trustees, to discharge, by Sale thereof, so much of the Debts of the said *David Henry*, as shall remain unpaid after his personal Estate is fairly and wholly appropriated thereto: and for the Purpose of making Distribution of the Overplus Monies of the Amount of Sales of such Lands and Tenements between the several Children and Grand Child of the said *David Henry*," and request their Concurrence therein.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, " An Act to repeal the three several Acts therein after mentioned, and rejected by the House of Assembly,

Resolved,

Resolved, That the House adhere to their said Amendments.

Mr. *Van-Campen* reported that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, the House went into the Examination of the Evidences in Support of the Charges exhibited against *Peter Hopkins*, Esq; one of the Justices of the Peace of the County of *Suffex*, and after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. *Marsh*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, entitled, “ An Act to relieve *George Harrison* from the Payment of a Sum of Money herein after mentioned,” which Bill was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

S A T U R D A Y, August 21, 1784.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act for the Sale of a certain Tract of Land in the County of *Bergen*, for the Uses therein mentioned,” was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House resumed the Examination of Evidences on the Hearing before them, and after having gone through the same: On the Question, Whether the Charges which were exhibited the 5th of *December* last, against *Peter Hopkins*, Esq; one of the Justices of the Peace of the County of *Suffex* are supported? It was carried in the Affirmative, *Nem. con.*

On the Question, Whether the House will proceed to impeach *Peter Hopkins*, Esq; It was carried in the Affirmative, *Nem. con.* Whereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Schuurman* be a Committee to prepare and bring in Articles of Impeachment against the said *Peter Hopkins*, Esquire.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, “ An Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings in the Courts of Law,” was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Garretse* do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Hornblower*.

Council Chamber, August 21, 1784.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hornblower* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, entitled, “ An Act to release *John Gould*, Collector of the Township of *Acquackanunck*, in the County of *Essex*, from the Payment of a Sum of public Money taken by Robbers,” is passed by this House without Amendment.

The House adjourned to Three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of the City of *New-Brunswick* was read, accompanied with a Bill, entitled, “ An Act for incorporating the Town of *New-Brunswick*,” and praying that the same may be enacted into a Law; Whereupon,

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

A Petition

A Petition from *Edward Marfb*, and a Petition from *Benjamin Williams*, Insolvent Debtors, confined in the Gaol of *Essex* County, were read, praying that they may be released from Confinement.

Ordered, That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. *Clark*, from the Committee, appointed to draw up Articles of Impeachment against *Peter Hopkins*, Esq; one of the Justices of the County of *Suffex*, reported the same as follows:

The Representatives of the State of *New-Jersey*, in General Assembly convened, having heard certain Charges of divers Persons, stiling themselves the Grand Jury of the County of *Suffex*, at a Court of Oyer and Terminer in said County, exhibited against *Peter Hopkins*, Esq; one of the Justices of the Peace of said County, for Ill-treating *Jacob Bockoven*, one of the Coroners of the said County, in the due Execution of his Office; and also, for abusing and assaulting *Samuel Dun*, a Juryman on the said Coroner's Inquest, and for various other Instances of Misbehaviour.

Which said Charges having been fully supported, we the said Representatives, do thereupon charge the said *Peter Hopkins*, with the Offences and Misdemeanors following:

First, That in the Month of *June* or *July*, in the Year 1783, *Jacob Bockoven*, one of the Coroners of the County of *Suffex*, being in the due Execution of his Office, holding an Inquest over a dead Body, the said *Peter Hopkins* then being a Justice of the Peace of that County, endeavoured, by Threats and Persuasions, to turn said Coroner and Jury out of the Line of their Duty, using such Abuses and Prophanity of Language as was highly derogatory to his Office, and did stop and prevent the said Coroner and Jury proceeding in a legal Manner.

Secondly, That the said *Peter Hopkins*; among other his Attempts to interrupt and obstruct the Proceedings of the said Jury, did assault, beat, and otherwise abuse and Mal-treat *Samuel Dun* one of said Jury.

Thirdly, That at a certain Time, the said *Peter Hopkins* greatly abused a Jury before him by Insults, and a Prophanity of Language, thereby greatly lessening the Dignity of his Office.

Of all which several Matters above charged against the said *Peter Hopkins*, the said Representatives of this State in General Assembly convened, do impeach him, the said *Peter Hopkins*, to the End, that he may be removed from his Office of Justice of the Peace.

To which the House agreed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Garretse* do carry the said Articles of Impeachment, with a List of the Names of the Witnesses in Support of the same, to the Council, and request them to appoint the Time and Place of Trial.

Ordered, That Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Schuurman* do manage the said Impeachment on the Part of this House.

The Bill, entitled; " An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in *New-Brunswick*," was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, " an Act to amend an Act, entitled, an Act for laying out a Road from *Newark*, in the County of *Essex*, to the public Road leading from *Bergen Point* to *Powles Hook*, on *Hudson's River*, in the County of *Bergen*; and for the erecting and establishing

ing Ferries across the River *Passaick* and *Hackinsack*, and the Supplementary Act thereto," was read a second Time, debated, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, entitled, " An Act for vesting the real Estate, Lands, and Tenements of *David Henry*, deceased, within this State, in Trustees, to discharge, by Sale thereof, so much of the Debts of the said *David Henry*, as shall remain unpaid after his personal Estate is fairly and wholly appropriated thereto, and for the Purpose of making Distribution of the Overplus Monies of the Amount of Sales of such Lands and Tenements between the several Children and Grand Child of the said *David Henry*," was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be read a third Time.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning Nine of the Clock.

M O N D A Y, August 23, 1784.

The House met.

A Petition from *Joseph Edwards* and *Daniel Searing*, Insolvent Debtors, confined in the Gaol of *Essex* County, and a Petition from *Isaac English*, an Insolvent Debtor, confined in the Goal of the County of *Burlington*, were read, praying that they may be released from Confinement.

Ordered, That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

A Petition from several Inhabitants of *Springfield*, in the County of *Essex*, whose Houses were burned by the British Troops in the Year 1780, was read, praying that the Legislature would take their Situation into Consideration, and grant them such Relief as may appear to be just and consistent.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

Mr. *Garretts* reported that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, entitled, " An Act for incorporating the Town of *New Brunswick*," was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. *Clark*, *Schuurman* and *Anderson*.

A Petition from Captain *James Morgan*, of the County of *Middlesex*, was read, setting forth that his Father *James Morgan*, purchased of *John Myers* and *Thomas Melvin*, fourteen Acres of Salt Meadow, and paid the full Consideration Money therefore; that the said *John Myers* and *Thomas Melvin* went over to the Enemy before they made him a Deed for the same; that the Petitioner's Father was thereby left without a Title to the said Meadow; that his said Father is since dead, and praying that a Law may pass to vest in him a Title to the said Marsh, he being the lawful Heir of the said *James Morgan*, deceased.

Ordered, That he have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition at the next Sitting, previously advertising the Purport of his Petition, and a Copy of this Order in the *New-Jersey Journal* and *New-Jersey Gazette*, for at least three Weeks.

The Bill, entitled, " An Act for raising the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds, to be applied towards sinking the Bills of Credit of this State," was read a second Time.

An Amendment was moved to the Title of the said Bill by Mr. *Blanch*, seconded by Colonel *Shreve*, to insert in the Title, after the Word, " towards" the following Words, *discharging the Debts due to the Inhabitants of this State*.

On the Question, Whether the House will agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Nays.

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Garretse,	Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Blanch,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Dey,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Marsh,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Norris,	Col. Shreve,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Shreve,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Bowen,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Dickerson,
Mr. Hoegland,	Mr. Van-Campen,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Maxwell.	

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed;

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Manning:

Council Chamber, August 23, 1784.

Ordered, That Mr. Manning do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the Bill, entitled, " An Act to make void a certain Road or High Way in the County of Bergen, herein after mentioned," is passed by this House without Amendment.

Mr. Van-Cleve, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, " An Act for erecting the North Ward of *Pertb-Amboy*, and a Part of the Township of *Woodbridge*, in the County of *Middlesex*, into a City, and for incorporating the same, by the Name and Title of the City of *Pertb-Amboy*," which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Van-Cleve, agreeably to Leave given, presented a Bill, entitled, " An Act for imposing Duties on certain Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this State by Land or Water," which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, *Thomas Gardener* attended with his Witnesses in Support of his Petition for a Divorce, and *Jane Gardener*, Wife of the said *Thomas Gardener*, being present, the House went into the Examination of Miss *Rachael Freeman*, on the Part of the Petitioner, and of *Stephen Day*, Esq; on the Part of Mrs. *Gardener*, and having gone through the said Examination,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of *Lamberton*, in the County of *Burlington*, was read, praying that the Act for incorporating *Trenton* and *Lamberton* may be passed agreeably to the Prayer of the Petitioners of *Trenton*.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time, with the Bill before the House for that Purpose.

The House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

T U E S D A Y, August 24, 1784.

The House met.

Mr. Marsh, with Leave presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, " An Act for the Relief of *George Harrison*, in the Payment of a certain Sum of Money therein after mentioned, and

and to point out a Mode for the Payment thereof," which Bill was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Alexander Thompson* was read, setting forth that he has a considerable Sum of Money due to him from the State, and praying that a Law may pass to stop all Executions against him, or that his liquidated Certificates may be made a lawful Tender in the Discharge of such Debts as may prosecuted against him.

Ordered, That that the same be read a second Time.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition of *Thomas Gardener*, and of the Proofs adduced for and against the same, on the Hearing of Yesterday, and after having duly considered the same,

On the Question, Whether *Thomas Gardener* have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition? It was carried in the Negative.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Sale of a certain Tract of Land in the County of *Bergen*, for the Uses therein mentioned," was read and compared.

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Anderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Garretse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,
Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ellis</i> ,	Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Norris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hoagland</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dickerson</i> ,
Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,
Mr. <i>Randolph</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> ,
Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .	Mr. <i>Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,
Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,			

The engrossed ^{Bill} entitled, "An Act to revive and continue the Act, entitled, An Act for building, repairing, and maintaining the Drawbridge over *Crosswick's Creek* in the County of *Burlington*, and for repairing the Causeways adjoining said Bridge," was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in *New-Brunswick*," was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, an Act appointing Commissioners for finally settling and determining the several Rights and Claims to the common Lands of the Township of *Bergen*, and for making Partition thereof, in just and equitable Proportions among those who shall be adjudged by the said Commissioners to be entitled to the same," was read and compared.

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

Yeas.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Garretse,	Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Blanch,
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Dey,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Norris,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Townsend,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Tucker,	
Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	
Mr. Hoegland,	Mr. Starke,	
Col. Shreve,	Mr. Dickerson,	
Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Van-Campen,	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Maxwell.	

The engrossed Bill, entitled, “ An Act to pass Estates in Fee, by certain Devises, in Wills and Testaments, and to limit Estates in Tail,” was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The Warrant, entitling *Sarah Crane* to receive the Amount of her late Husband's Half Pay, and the Warrant, entitling *Andrew Ross* to receive *Ten Shillings per Month* during his Disability, were read, approved, and ordered to be signed.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act for vesting the real Estate, Lands and Tenements of *David Henry*, deceased, within this State, in Trustees, to discharge, by Sale thereof, so much of the Debts of the said *David Henry*, as shall remain unpaid after his personal Estate is fairly and wholly appropriated thereto, and for the Purpose of making Distribution of the Overplus Monies of the Amount of Sales, of such Lands and Tenements between the several Children and Grand Child of the said *David Henry*,” was read a third Time.”

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act, to amend an Act, entitled, An Act, for laying out a Road from *Newark*, in the County of *Essex*, to the public Road leading from *Bergen Point* to *Powles Hook* on *Hudson's River*, in the County of *Bergen*, and for the erecting and establishing Ferries across the River *Passaick* and *Hackinsack*, and the Supplementary Act thereto,” was read a third Time.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the six last mentioned Bills:

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickerson* do carry the four first above mentioned Bills, and the several Warrants above mentioned to Council, and request their Concurrence thereto; also, that he inform Council the two last mentioned Bills, are passed without Amendment.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of *Minisink* in *Suffex* County, was read, setting forth, that the Crops of Wheat in said County have failed, that they are much in Arrear in paying Taxes, and praying that further Time may be allowed them to discharge the Arrears of Taxes due from said County, or that State Certificates may be received in Discharge of the same.

Ordered, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

A Memorial from the Officers appointed to command the Troops raised in *New-Jersey*, was read, praying that some Provision may be made for the Subsistence of the Men they are directed to raise.

Ordered, That the same be dismissed.

A Certificate of Half-pay adjudged by the Court of Common Pleas, in Favour of *Lydia Wood*, Widow of *Benjamin Wood*, late a Soldier in Colonel *Spencer's* Regiment of this State, and who was killed while in the Service of the United States, was read and approved.

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said *Lydia Wood*, for the Sum of *twenty-five Shillings per Month*, being the Amount of her late Husband's Half-pay, from the first *July*, 1780, for and during her Widowhood.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Martin*.

Council Chamber, August 24, 1784.

Ordered, That Mr. *Martin* do carry to the House of Assembly, the Bill, entitled, " An Act, to repeal an Act, entitled, An Act for taking Charge of and leasing the real Estates of the Subjects of the King of *Great-Britain*, lying within this State. and request their Concurrence therein," which Bill was read, and on the Question, Whether the same be read a second Time? It was carried in the Negative as follows :

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. <i>Bann</i> ,	Mr. <i>Norris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hoagland</i> ,
Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,	Mr. <i>Anderson</i> ,
Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,	Mr. <i>Garretse</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,
Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,
Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,
Mr. <i>Ellis</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Campen</i> ,	Mr. <i>Randolph</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dickerson</i> .
Mr. <i>Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,		
Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .		

Ordered, That Mr. *Tenbroeck*, do wait on the Council, and acquaint them, that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

The Bill, entitled, " An Act to divide the Township of *Acquackanack*, in the County of *Essex*, into two Districts, and to enable the Inhabitants in each District annually, to chuse one Assessor, and one Collector, was read a second Time, and referred to the next Session.

The Bill, entitled, " An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, " An Act to amend, revive, and continue an Act, entitled, An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors," was read a second Time.

On the Question, Whether the same be read a third Time? It was carried in the Negative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tenbroeck* do wait on the Council and acquaint them, that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

A Petition from One Hundred and Fifty of the Inhabitants of the County of *Morris*, praying that a Law may pass to emit Paper Money on Loan, or to make Certificates a legal Tender where Law Suits are commenced, was read,

Ordered, That Messrs. *Marsh*, *Combs*, and *Cook*, be a Committee, to bring in a Bill for the Relief of Persons holding public Securities.

Mr. *Dickerson* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr.

Mr. *Tucker*, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, “ An Act to empower *John* and *George Ely*, to take Charge of the Estate of *George Ely*, senior, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,” which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from *Shepard Kollock*, praying that he may have the printing of the Business of the State, was read, and a Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Elizabeth-Town*; and also a Petition from a large Number of the Inhabitants of *New-Brunswick*, recommending Mr. *Shepard Kollock*, to be appointed Printer to the State, were also received and read.

Ordered, That the above said Petitions have a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act to ascertain the Debts due from this State, and to prevent Frauds in Certificates issued under the Authority of the same,” was read a second Time, and some Progress being made therein, the same was referred for further Consideration.

The House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, August 25, 1784.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, An Act for establishing certain Free Ports in the State of *New-Jersey*, and for the Encouragement of Commerce therein, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. *Clark*, *Tucker*, *Ellis*, *Anderson*, and *Schuurman*.

Sundry Petitions from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Somerset* and *Morris* were read, setting forth the great Distresses they are under for the Want of a circulating Medium of Cash, and praying that Money may be emitted and let out on Loan.

Ordered, That the same be read a second Time.

Whereas the Honourable the Congress, by their Resolution, is to meet at *Trenton*, in the State of *New-Jersey*, the Thirty-first Day of *October* next, and it being necessary that a Dwelling House should be procured for the President, and also a House for Congress to sit in for the Dispatch of public Business.

Resolved, That *James Ewing* and *Moore Farman*, Esquires, and *Conrad Kotts*, or any two of them, be authorized and empowered to draw from the Treasurer of the State for the Time being, such Sum or Sums of Money as may be necessary to carry the above Purpose into Execution, not exceeding Three Hundred Pounds, for which they are to be accountable, and whose Receipt shall be sufficient Vouchers to the said Treasurer for so much of the public Money in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ellis* do carry the above Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Tenbroeck* reported that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Petition of *William Bott* was read a second Time, and after some Time spent thereon;

Resolved, That the Commissioner appointed for settling the Pay due to the Militia of *Morris* County, be ordered to issue a Note or Certificate unto the said *William Bott*, late Adjutant General, for the Sum of 151*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.* for his Services in the Militia, and that the Auditor of Accounts of this State allow the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Loyd* do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

The House adjourned to Three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr:

Mr. *Combs*, from the Committee appointed to examine the Laws respecting several Petitions from Officers and Soldiers on sundry Enlistments, reported, That the Men who served in the Three Months Service in the Year 1778, and also the Men made mention of in the Representation of *Eli Elmer*, Commissioner in the County of *Cumberland*, having had their Money drawn by the Paymaster agreeably to Law, ought to have Recourse to him for their Pay in Arrear; and as to the Petition from Captain *Cornelius Johnson*, of the County of *Hunterdon*, the Men who served under his Command, ought to receive their Pay agreeably to Law, which is fully adequate to their Relief: And as to the Petitions from the Men who served in the Three Months Service in the Year 1781, having been promised Three Shillings *per Day* by the Law in which they were raised ought to receive the same.

By Order of the Committee,

J O H N C O M B S.

Ordered, That the Consideration of the said Report be postponed.

The Bill, entitled, An Act to empower *John* and *George Ely*, to take Charge of the Estate of *George Ely*, senior, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Messrs. *Clark* and *Schuurman*, appointed to manage the Impeachment of this House against *Peter Hopkins*, Esq; laid before the House the Decision of the Council on said Impeachment in the Words following :

Council Chamber, August 25, 1784.

On the Question, Whether the Charges in the Impeachment exhibited by the House of Assembly, against *Peter Hopkins*, Esq; have been so far supported, as that he ought to be dismissed from his Office? It was carried in the Affirmative unanimously. Therefore,

Resolved, That the said *Peter Hopkins*, Esq; be accordingly dismissed from his Office as a Justice of the Peace in the County of *Suffex*, and that a Copy of this Resolution served on the said *Peter Hopkins*, shall be a Supercedeas of his said Office, and also, that the Managers of the House of Assembly be served with another Copy by the Clerk of this House.

A true Copy from the Journals,

B O W E S R E E D, Clk.

Mr. *Loyd* reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Order of the Day being called for, the Petitions from *Suffex*, praying that *Edward Dunlap* may be dismissed from his Office, as Agent of forfeited Estates, and that some other Person may be appointed. And the Petition from the said *Dunlap*, together with several other Petitions, and a Remonstrance from *James Armstrong* relating to the said Petitions, were severally read, and after having examined sundry Evidences in Support of the Charges exhibited against the said *Edward Dunlap*, the said *Edward Dunlap* attending the House,

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the Hearing be postponed.

Mr. *Ellis* reported that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Tallman*.

Council Chamber, August 25, 1784.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tallman* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, entitled, An Act to release *Edward Griffith*, from the Payment of a Sum of public Money

Money taken by Robbers, is passed by this House without Amendment, and that this House concur in the Resolution, authorizing *James Ewing* and *Moore Furman*, Esquires, and *Conrad Kotts*, to draw from the Treasurer, Three Hundred Pounds, for providing a Dwelling House for the President of Congress, &c. and the Warrants, entitling *Sarah Crane* to draw from the Treasurer, the Amount of the Half Pay of her late Husband; and *Andrew Ross*, a disabled Soldier, to receive from the Treasury, *Ten Shillings per Month*; and also, that the House concur in the Resolution, ordering the Commissioner appointed for settling the Pay due to the Militia of the County of *Morris*, to issue unto *William Bott*, late Adjutant-General of this State, a Note or Certificate, for 15*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.* for his Services.

The House adjourned till To morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

T H U R S D A Y, August 26, 1784.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Hearing before them, when Mr. *Dunlap* attended the House, and informed them, that he wished to be allowed the Benefit of Counsel to assist him in further prosecuting his Defence; upon which a Question arose, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Affirmative. Whereupon,

Mr. *Armstrong*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, who exhibited the Charges against Mr. *Dunlap*, prayed the same Indulgence, and that Time might be given him to procure Counsel.

Ordered, That he have Leave to appear by Counsel, and that the further Consideration of the Hearing before the House be postponed.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Counties of *Somerset* and *Middlesex* was read, accompanied with a Bill, entitled, “ An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Church at *Bound Brook*, in the Counties of *Somerset* and *Middlesex*,” and praying that the same may be passed into a Law.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second Time.

A Petition from the Children and Devisees of *Joseph Sharp*, of the County of *Salem*, was read, setting forth, that *Anthony Sharp*, late of *Dublin*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, was, among other Lands, seized in Fee of a large Estate in *New-Jersey*, both in located Lands and Rights of Propriety; that he conveyed the same to his Son, *Isaac* for Life, Remainder to the Heir Male of his Body; and in Default of such Issue, to the Heirs and Assigns of the said *Anthony Sharp* forever; That *Isaac Sharp* had Issue, to wit, *Anthony*, *Isaac*, and *Joseph*; that in Pursuance of an Agreement made between him the said *Isaac*, and his Son the aforesaid *Anthony*, and by several Conveyances and Devisees, the said *Isaac Sharp* and *Joseph Sharp*, became possessed of certain Lands and Rights of Lands in *New-Jersey*; that for removing all Doubts respecting their Titles to the same, and as a Confirmation thereof, “ An Act of the Legislature of *New-Jersey* was passed in the Year 1767, with a suspending Clause not to take Effect until the King’s Assent should be had thereto, which it is not known was ever had; that thereupon a common Recovery was suffered by Consent of all Parties concerned, for docking the Estate Tail in the Premises, vesting the same in the said *Isaac* and *Joseph Sharp*; that some of the Papers on which said Recovery was had, were lost or destroyed during the late War, praying an Act in their Favour similar to the one passed in the Year 1767. Whereupon,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition at the next Sitting of the General Assembly, upon publishing their Intention and the Purport of said Bill in two of the Public News-Papers of this State, and in two of the Public News-papers of *Pennsylvania* for at least one Month previous to the bringing in said Bill.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, " An Act for raising the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds, to be applied towards sinking the Bills of Credit of this State," and after having gone through the said Bill,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

Mr. *Clark* from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, " An Act for establishing certain Free Ports in the State of *New-Jersey*, and for the Encouragement of Commerce therein," reported the same with sundry Amendments.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Van-Cleve*, seconded by Mr. *Tucker*, that *Trenton*, including *Lamberton*, be inserted in the Bill, and the Privileges granted to them of a Free Port.

On the Question, Whether the House agree thereto? It was carried in the Negative as follows :

On which the Yeas and Nays were required by Mr. *Van Cleve*, seconded by Mr. *Tucker*.

Nays.	Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. <i>Dey</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hoagland</i> ,	Mr. <i>Norris</i> ,	Mr. <i>Blanch</i> ,
Mr. <i>Garretse</i> ,	Col. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Townsend</i> ,	Mr. <i>Lambert</i> ,
Mr. <i>Marsh</i> ,	Mr. <i>Shreve</i> ,	Mr. <i>Cook</i> ,	Mr. <i>Tucker</i> ,
Mr. <i>Clark</i> ,	Mr. <i>Anderson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Starke</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van-Cleve</i> ,
Mr. <i>Combs</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hugg</i> ,	Mr. <i>Dickerson</i> ,	Mr. <i>Van Campen</i> .
Mr. <i>Schuurman</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ellis</i> ,	Mr. <i>Ewing</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Randolph</i> ,	Mr. <i>Smith</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hankinson</i> ,	
Mr. <i>Bunn</i> ,	Mr. <i>Loyd</i> ,	Mr. <i>Maxwell</i> .	
Mr. <i>Tenbroeck</i> ,			

The House having gone through the said Bill,

Ordered, That the same be engrossed.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Certificate of Half Pay adjudged by the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of *Essex*, in Favour of *Margaret Yaters*, Widow of Serjeant *John Yaters*, who was killed in the Service of the United States, was read and approved.

Ordered, That a Warrant do issue in Favour of the said *Margaret Yaters*, for Five Dollars *per Month*, from the 29th Day of *March* 1782, for and during her Widowhood.

A Petition was presented to the House from *James Swift*, late a Soldier in the Service of this States, and who was discharged from that Service as an Invalid, was read, setting forth that he had lost the same, and praying that the Legislature would authorize him to receive the Sum of Five Dollars *per Month* during his natural Life, Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this State be directed to pay unto *James Swift*, late a Soldier in one of the Regiments of this State in the Service of the United States, and who was discharged from that Service as an Invalid, the Sum of Five Dollars *per Month*, which he was entitled to draw from the Treasurer, by Law, on producing his Discharge, which he alleges he has been so unfortunate as to lose; and that the Treasurer do pay the same to the said *James Swift*, or his Order, Quarterly, during his natural Life, in full Payment of the Money payable on such Discharge, as if produced, to commence the first Day of *January* last.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tucker* do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, " An Act for establishing certain Free Ports in the State of

at *New-Jersey*, and for the Encouragement of Commerce therein," was read and compared."

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Dey,	Mr. Hoegland,	Mr. Norris,	Mr. Blanch,
Mr. Marfb,	Col. Shreve,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Garretse,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Van-Cleve,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Dickerson,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Van-Campen,	
Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Maxwell.	

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Shreve do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Shreve reported that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition from the Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation in *Elizabeth-Town* was read, accompanied with a Bill, entitled, "An Act for enabling the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Church in *Elizabeth-Town*, to raise 2000*l.* by a Lottery or Lotteries, for the Purpose of finishing and compleating the said Church in *Elizabeth-Town*," which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Tucker reported that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Clark.

Council Chamber, August 24, 1784.

Ordered, That Mr. Clark do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the Bill, entitled, "A Supplimentary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act appointing Commissioners for finally settling and determining the several Rights, Titles, and Claims to the common Lands of the Township of *Bergen*, and for making Partition thereof, in just and equitable Proportions, among those who shall be adjudged by the said Commissioners to be entitled to the same."

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to pass Estates in Fee, by certain Devisees in Wills and Testaments, and to limit Estates in Tail;" The Bill, entitled, "An Act for incorporating fundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in *New-Brunswick*;" and the Bill entitled, "An Act to revive and continue the Act, entitled, An Act for rebuilding, repairing, and maintaining the Drawbridge over *Croswick's Creek*, in the County of *Burlington*, and for repairing the Causeway adjoining said Bridge;" are passed by this House without Amendment. And also, that he carry the Bill, entitled, "An Act to alter the first and second Sections of the Act, entitled, "An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debrs due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Payment of the same," and request their Concurrence therein, which last Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act forenabling the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Church in *Elizabeth-Town*, to raise Two Thousand Pounds, by a Lottery or Lotteries, for the Purpose of finishing and compleating the said Church in *Elizabeth-Town*," was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

F R I D A Y,

F R I D A Y, August 27, 1784.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act for incorporating fundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Church at *Bound Brook*, in the Counties of *Somerfet* and *Middlesex*,” was read a second Time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, “ An Act to empower *John* and *George Ely*, to take Charge of the Estate of *George Ely*, senior, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,” was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hankinson* do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

A Petition from *David Frazer*, Esq; of the County of *Hunterdon* was read, accompanied with an Account against the State of 6*l*, 15*s*. 0*d*. and praying Payment.

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for defraying incidental Charges.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act for enabling the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Church in *Elizabeth-Town*, to raise Two Thousand Pounds by a Lottery or Lotteries, for the Purpose of finishing and compleating the said Church in *Elizabeth-Town*, was read and compared.

On the Motion, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.	N A Y S.
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Hoagland,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Schuurman,
Mr. Dey,	Col. Shreve,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Tenbroeck,
Mr. Garrette,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Dickerson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Van-Campen,	Mr. Norris,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Maxwell,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Tucker,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, “ An Act for raising the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds to be applied towards sinking the Bills of Credit of this State,” was read and compared.

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

Y E A S,	Y E A S.	Y E A S.	N A Y S.
Mr. Garrette,	Mr. Hoagland,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Blanch,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Dey,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Col. Shreve,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Shreve,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Van-Campen,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Clark,
Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Norris,	Mr. Maxwell.	Mr. Starke,
			Mr. Dickerson.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hankinson*, do carry the said Bills to Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act, to alter the first and second Sections of the Act, entitled,

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" An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Payment of the same," was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be read a third Time.

The Petition from *Shepard Kollock* was read a second Time, together with the several Petitions which accompanied the same, which were read on the 24th Instant. Whereupon,

Resolved, That *Shepard Kollock* do print the Journals of this House, being first compared, and signed by the Speaker.

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Resolution? It was carried in the Affirmative: as follows:

Y E A S.	Y E A S,	Y E A S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Tucker,	Col. Shreve,	Mr. Norris,
Mr. Dey,	Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Garretse,	Mr. Burn,	Mr. Van-Campen,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Maith,	Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Van-Cleve,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Hoagland,	Mr. Maxwell.	Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Dickerson,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Loyd,		Mr. Smith,	Mr. Ewing.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Holme*.

Council Chamber, August 27, 1784.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly of Yesterday relative to directing the Treasurer, to pay unto *James Swift*, late a Soldier, Five Dollars *per Month*.

Resolved, That the House do concur therein.

Ordered, That Mr. *Holmes* do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith, and also, carry the Bill, entitled, " An Act to ratify and confirm the Proceedings of *Peter Tallman*, Esq; as a Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the County of *Burlington*, and to revive and continue the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the said County, and request their Concurrence therein.

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Warrants, entitling *Margaret Yaters* and *Lydia Wood*, to receive the Half Pay of their late Husbands, were read, approved, and ordered to be signed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Van-Cleve* do carry the said Warrants to Council for Concurrence.

The Petition from the Executors of *William Camp*, deceased, was read, praying Payment from the State for Damages which the Estate of the said deceased had sustained since the Commencement of the late War, accompanied with an Estimate of the said Damages.

Ordered, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Burlington*, read on the 19th Instant, praying that some Amendment may be made to the present Militia Law, was read a second Time, together with three other Petitions from the same County, praying the same, were read and referred to the next Session.

The several Petitions from *Somerset*, *Morris*, *Monmouth*, and *Burlington*, praying that Money may be emitted on Loan, were severally read a second Time, and referred to the next Session.

Mr. *Hankinson* reported, That he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Van-Cleve* reported, That he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Schuurman*, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, “ An Act to repeal the three several Acts herein after mentioned,” which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act to ratify and confirm the Proceedings of *Peter Tallman*, Esq; as a Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the County of *Burlington*, and to revive and continue the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the said County,” was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Carle*.

Council Chamber, August 27, 1784.

Ordered, That Mr. *Carle* do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them that the Warrants, entitling *Margaret Yaters* and *Lydia Wood*, to receive the Half Pay of their late Husbands, are concurred in by this House.

Mr. *Clark*, from the Committee to whom were committed the Bill, entitled, “ An Act for incorporating the Town of *New-Brunswick*, reported the same, with fundry Amendments, which were read and further amended in the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act to alter the first and second Sections of the Act, entitled, ‘An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Payment of the same,’ ” was read a third Time.

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

N A Y S.	N A Y S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Dey,	Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Garretts,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Clark,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Norris,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Van-Cleve,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Hoagland,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Dickerfon,
Col. Shreve,	Mr. Maxwell.	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Ewing.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ewing* do wait on the Council and acquaint them that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act to ratify and confirm the Proceedings of *Peter Tallman*, Esq; as a Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the County of *Burlington*, and to revive and continue the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the said County,” was read a third Time.

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.	N A Y S.
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Marth,
Mr. Dey,	Mr. Hugg,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Schuurman,
Mr. Garretts,	Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Dickerfon,	Mr. Randolph,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Cook.
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Norris,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Maxwell.	
Mr. Hoagland,	Mr. Lambert,		
Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Tucker,		

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ewing*, do carry the said Bill to Council, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ellis* and Mr. *Hugg* have Leave of Absence for the Remainder of the present Sitting.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act for erecting the North Ward of *Pertb-Amboy*, and a Part of the Township of *Woodbridge*, in the County of *Middlesex*, into a City, and for incorporating the same, by the Name and Title of the City of *Pertb-Amboy*,” was read a second Time, and referred to the next Session.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act for imposing Duties on certain Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this State by Land and Water,” was read a second Time, and referred to the next Session.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act for erecting the Upper Part of the Township of *Nottingham*, in the County of *Burlington*, and Part of the Township of *Trenton*, in the County of *Hunterdon* into a City, and for incorporating the same, by the Name of the City of *Trenton*, and for declaring the same a Free City and Port for the Term of Twenty-five Years,” was read a second Time, and referred to the next Session.

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Bergen*, read on the 16th Instant, was read a second Time. Whereupon,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting, agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising their Intention, and the Purport of their Petition, in three of the most public Places in the Township of *New-Barbadoes*.

Two Petitions from the County of *Middlesex*, and one Petition from the County of *Essex* were read, praying that State Obligations may be made a legal Tender in Discharge of all Actions already commenced or that may be commenced.

Ordered, That the said Petitions be committed to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for the Relief of such Persons as hold public Certificates.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning Nine of the Clock.

S A T U R D A Y, August 28, 1784.

The House met.

A Petition from *Nicholas Van-Wickle* was read, setting forth, that he sold a Farm to *Cornelius Low*, for 1100*l.* that a Part of the Consideration Money was paid at the Time of Contract; that the said *Cornelius Low* is since deceased, that 800*l.* was left unpaid till May 1779, when a Son of Mr. *Low* called upon the Petitioner, and tendered to him the full Amount of the said 800*l.* the Value of which, at the Time, by the Scale of Depreciation, was 65*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* that he received the same at that Time, and praying that the Heirs of *Cornelius Low* may be compelled to make good the Contract he made with the Petitioner.

Ordered, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Hearing before them on the Charges exhibited against *Edward Dunlap*, Esq; Agent of forfeited Estates in the County of *Suffex*, and proceeded in the Examination of sundry Evidences, and after having gone through such Evidences as were offered,

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

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The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, " An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Church, at *Bound Brook*, in the Counties of *Somerset* and *Middlesex*, was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, " An Act for incorporating the Town of *New-Brunswick*," was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

Ordered That Mr. *Hoagland* do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*.

Council Chamber, August 28, 1784.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ogden* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the Bill, entitled, " An Act for establishing Free Ports in the State of *New-Jersey*, and for the Encouragement of Commerce therein," is passed by this House without Amendment; and that the Bill, entitled, " An Act for raising the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds, to be applied towards sinking the Bills of Credit of this State; " the Bill, entitled, " An Act for enabling the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Church in *Elizabeth-Town*, to raise Two Thousand Pounds by a Lottery or Lotteries, for the Purpose of finishing and compleating the said Church in *Elizabeth-Town*;" and the Bill, entitled, " An Act to empower *John* and *George Ely*, to take Charge of the Estate of *George Ely*, senior, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," are rejected by this House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Evidences exhibited on the Hearing before them, and after some Time spent thereon;

On the Question, Whether the Charges against *Edward Dunlap*, Esq; have been so far supported that, in the Opinion of this House, he ought to be removed from his Office of Agent for the Sale of confiscated Estates? It was carried in the Negative as follows:

N A Y S.	N A Y S.	N A Y S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Mr. Dey,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Garretse,	Mr. Norris,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Dickerson,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Ewing.	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Van-Campen,
Col. Shreve,	Mr. Tucker,		Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Hankinson,
			Mr. Hoagland,	Mr. Maxwell.

The Bill, entitled, " An Act to repeal the three several Acts therein mentioned," was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed:

Mr. *Schuurman*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, entitled, " An Act to compel the Officers of this State to pay forward the same Species of Monies and Obligations by them received in Trust for the State," which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned till Monday Morning, Nine of the Clock.

M O N D A Y,

M O N D A Y, August 30, 1784.

The House met.

Resolved, That *James Mott*, Esq; the present Treasurer, be allowed the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, over and above the Salary allowed by Law for the current Year, to pay for such Clerk or Clerks as he may employ to expedite the extraordinary business, added by the Legislature to the Office of Treasurer, which Sum shall be allowed the Treasurer out of the public Money in the Settlement of his Accounts.

Ordered, That *Mr. Anderson* do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, " An Act to repeal the three several Acts therein mentioned," was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same,

Ordered, That *Mr. Anderson* do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Hoagland reported that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Message from the Council by *Mr. Hughes*.

Council Chamber, August 30, 1784.

Ordered, That *Mr. Hughes* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, That the Bill, entitled, " An Act for regulating and shortening the Proceedings in the Courts of Law, is passed by this House without Amendment.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entitled, " A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Nine Pounds Five Shillings *per Annum*, for the Term of Twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Resolution of Congress of the Eighteenth Day of *April* 1783, and for appropriating the same," and after having gone through the same,

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Anderson reported that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition from sundry Owners and Possessors of Salt Marsh, lying on the *Raritan River*, in the Townships of *Woodbridge* and *Piscataway*, was read, praying Leave to present a Bill to prohibit any Persons going into the said Salt Marsh, with any Wheel Carriages from the 15th of *March*, to the first of *December*.

Ordered, That they have Leave to present a Bill at the next Sitting agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on advertising the Purport of said Bill, and a Copy of this Order for at least three Weeks previous thereto, in three of the most public Places in each of the said Townships.

A Petition from *Jonathan Combs* was read and referred to the next Sitting.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Marshall, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported a Bill, entitled, " An Act for the Relief of Persons holding public Securities, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Clark, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, " An Act for setting

free *Peter Williams*, a Negro, late the Property of *John Heard*," which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Resolved, That *George Anderson*, *James Ewing*, and *Benjamin Smith*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners, to examine and count all Certificates received by *John Stevens*, junior, Esq; late Treasurer of this State, in Payment of Taxes, and make an accurate Account of the Sums therein, ascertaining the Amount of the original Certificate, the Sum paid in Taxes, and the Amount of the Balance Certificate given agreeably to the Table in the Act making Certificates receivable in Taxes, for which Services the Legislature will make them competent Satisfaction on receiving their Statement of the same; that they give the late Treasurer Notice of their Appointment, by serving him with a Copy of this Resolution, and also notify him of the Time and Place of their Meeting, and that they severally take an Oath before some Justice of the Peace, a Copy of which shall be filed in the Auditor's Office before they enter on the above Service, which Oath shall be in the Words following:

I A. B. do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and truly, to the best of my Skill and Understanding, perform the several Duties enjoined on me by a Resolution of the Legislature of the State of *New-Jersey*, appointing me a Commissioner to examine and count all the Certificates received by *John Stevens*, junior, Esq; late Treasurer of this State, in Payment of Taxes.

Ordered, That Mr. *Starke* do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Fell*.

Council Chamber, August 30, 1784.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly of this Day, allowing *James Mott*, Esq; One Hundred Pounds over and above his Salary.

Resolved, That the House do concur therein.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to compel the Officers of this State to pay forward the same Species of Monies and Obligations by them received in Trust for the State," was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act for setting free, *Peter Williams*, a Negro, late the Property of *John Heard*," was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

T U E S D A Y, August 31, 1784.

The House met.

The Bill, entitled, "An Act to prevent issuing Surplus Certificates, by Township Collectors, and calling in the Books or Accounts of those already issued," was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, "A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for raising a Revenue of Thirty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds Five Shillings *per Annum*, for the Term of Twenty-five Years, for the Purpose of paying the Interest and Principal of Debts due from the United States, agreeably to a Recommendation of Congress of the eighteenth Day of *April*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-three, and for appropriating the same," was read and compared.

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On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.	N A Y S.
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Dey,	Mr. Hoagland,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Garretse,	Col. Shreve,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Dickerson,	
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Van-Campen,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Norris,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Townfend,	Mr. Maxwell.	
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Tucker,		

The engrossed Bill, entitled, “ An Act to compel the Officers of this State to pay forward the same Species of Monies and Obligations by them received in Trust for the State,” was read and compared.

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.	N A Y S.
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Garretse,
Mr. Dey,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Bunn.
Mr. Marsh,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Dickerson,	
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Norris,	Mr. Van-Campen,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Townfend,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Maxwell.	
Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Van-Cleve,		
Col. Shreve,	Mr. Tucker,		

The engrossed Bill, entitled, “ An Act for setting free *Peter Williams*, a Negro, late the Property of *John Heard*,” was read and compared.

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.	N A Y S.
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Townfend,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Dey,	Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Van-Cleve,
Mr. Garretse,	Mr. Hoagland,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Dickerson.
Mr. Marsh,	Col. Shreve,	Mr. Starke,	
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Van-Campen,	
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Hankinson,	
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Maxwell.	
Mr. Norris,			

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said several Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. *Maxwell* do carry the said Bills to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Starke* reported that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Maxwell* reported that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned to Three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Two Messages from the Council by Mr. *Hornblower*:

Council Chamber, August 31, 1784.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hornblower* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, That the Bill, entitled, “ An Act for incorporating sundry Persons as Trustees of the Presbyterian Church at *Bound Brook*, in the Counties of *Somerset* and *Middlesex* ;” and the Bill entitled, “ An Act to repeal the three several Acts therein mentioned, are passed by this House without Amendment.

The Council having taken into Consideration the Resolution from the House of Assembly relative to the Appointment of Commissioners to examine Certificates received by the late Treasurer, &c.

Resolved, That the House do concur therein.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, " An Act to prevent issuing Surplus Certificates by Township Collectors, and calling in the Books or Accounts of those already issued, was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Norris* do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Tucker*, from the Committee appointed to examine and report such public Accounts as might be referred to them during the Sitting of the Legislature reported, that there are due to the several Persons herein after mentioned, the Sums annexed to their respective Names, That is to say,

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To <i>Matthias Baker</i> , for the Widow of Lieutenant <i>John Pain</i> , for a Gun and Accoutrements, lost in 1776,	4	0	0
✓ To ditto, for <i>Solomon Hunt</i> , for a Gun lost in public Service in 1776,	2	10	0
✓ To ditto, for <i>Moses Stanbury</i> , for a Gun lost in the public Service in 1776,	1	10	0
To <i>Matthias Baker</i> , in full of his Account for Arms and Accoutrements, purchased for the Public in 1776,	12	1	8
To <i>John Middleton</i> , for <i>Benjamin Smith</i> , for a Gun and Accoutrements lost in the public Service,	3	0	0
To <i>William A. Covenhoven</i> , for nursing a Sick Militia Soldier in 1777, in full of his Account,	1	0	0
To <i>Henry Marsh</i> for <i>Jacob Shotwell</i> , 1 Gun, 20s. For <i>Isaac Shotwell</i> , 1 Gun, 3 <i>l</i> . For <i>Joseph Shotwell</i> , 1 Gun, 12s. all lost in public Service in 1776,	4	12	0
✓ To <i>Johannes Ackerman</i> , in full for one Gun and Bayonet, lost in Service, in 1779,	3	0	0
To <i>Henry Brown</i> , for one Gun lost in the public Service, in 1780, in full,	1	10	0
✓ To <i>John Van-Orden</i> of <i>Bergen County</i> , for one Gun, Bayonet, Belt, and Cartouch Box, lost in public Service, in 1776, in full,	3	0	0
To <i>Resolvent Aryanfen</i> , for a Gun and Accoutrements, lost in public Service in 1779, in full,	2	10	0
✓ To <i>John Aryanfen</i> , for a Gun and Accoutrements lost in the public Service, 1779, in full,	2	10	0
To Doctor <i>Cornelius Baldwin</i> , in full of his Account for Attendance and Medicine, for Serjeant <i>Samuel Jones</i> , of Captain <i>Craig's</i> Company of State Troops, and who was wounded in the public Service,	30	0	0
To Doctor <i>Moses Bloomfield</i> , in full of his Account of Medicines and Attendance for <i>Asper Fitz-Randolph's</i> State Company, from March 22d 1782, to November 14th.	7	0	0
To <i>Richard Stillwell</i> , for two Guns, taken from <i>John Connell</i> , and lost in the public Service, in full,	6	0	0

To

✓ To Doctor <i>Philip Dey</i> , in full of his Accounts for Medicines and Attendance on <i>Stephen Rollins</i> , a wounded Prisoner taken by the Militia of <i>Bergen</i> , when they came to Real Horfes,	15	0	0
✓ To <i>Nicholas Kipp</i> , for Nursing and Board of <i>Stephen Rollins</i> , a wounded Refugee, in full of his Account,	10	0	0
✓ To <i>Paul Ratan</i> , for one Gun and Accoutrements lost in public Service when he was wounded, and for his Loss of Time while wounded,	6	15	0
To <i>Peter Dumont</i> , late Sheriff of <i>Somerset</i> , in full of his Account, for Boarding and Transporting Prisoners,	14	0	0
To <i>Elijah Clark</i> , Esq; Clerk of the County of <i>Gloucester</i> , in full of his Account for registering Certificates and Blank Books,	0	15	0
✓ To <i>Jeremiah Manning</i> , in full for one Gun and Accoutrements, lost in public Service,	3	0	0
✓ To <i>Abraham Bartron</i> , in full for <i>John Wortman</i> , for one Gun and Bayonet, lost in the public Service,	3	0	0
✓ To <i>Caleb Fulkerson</i> , in full for one Gun, lost in the public Service,	2	0	0
✓ To Doctor <i>William Burnet</i> , in full of his Accounts for Medicine and Attendance on <i>John Johnson</i> , a Militia Soldier of <i>Essex</i> ,	25	0	0
✓ To Doctor <i>William Burnet</i> , junior, in full of his Accounts for Medicine and Attendance upon the State Troops commanded by Ensign <i>Spear</i> , from <i>March</i> to <i>December</i> 1781, inclusive,	21	0	0

By Order of the Joint Committee,

BENJAMIN MANNING,
SAMUEL TUCKER.

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the said Report be postponed.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint Meeting, and being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, September, 1, 1784.

The House met.

Mr. *Marsh*, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, “ An Act to legitimate *Samuel Marsh*, and to enable him to inherit, as one of the legal Representatives of *Noah Marsh*, deceased,” which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. *Norris* reported that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. *Clark*, with Leave presented the Draught of a Bill, entitled, “ An Act to amend and explain an Act, entitled, An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Payment of the same,” which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act for the Relief of Persons holding public Securities, and for other Purposes therein mentioned”, was read a second Time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Cook*, from the Committee, appointed for that Purpose, reported the Draught of a Bill, entitled, “ An Act for defraying sundry incidental Charges,” which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act to legitimate *Samuel Marsh*, and to enable him to inherit as one of the legal Representatives of *Noah Marsh*, deceased,” was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act to amend and explain an Act, entitled, An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Payment of the same,” was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Memorial from the Commissioner appointed to settle with the Militia of the County of *Monmouth*, was read, setting forth sundry Difficulties attending the Execution of his Office, and praying the Direction of the Legislature ; Whereupon,

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of Mr. *Combs* of the 25th ultimo, and agreed to the same, except to the last Paragraph.

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the last Paragraph in the said Report ? It was carried in the Negative as follows :

N A Y S.	N A Y S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Dey,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Garretse,	Mr. Norris,	Mr. Combs,	Mr. Van-Cleve,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Van-Campen,
Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Dickerson,	Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Hankinson,
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Hoagland,	Mr. Maxwell,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Speaker.	Mr. Lambert,	

The House adjourned to Three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from *Jacob Remsen* was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Hendrick Smock*, *John Covenhoven*, and *Jacob Vandorn*, was read and referred to the next Session.

A Certificate of Half-pay, adjudged by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County of *Monmouth*, in Favour of *Charity*, the Widow of *Lambert Johnson*, was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Manning*.

Council Chamber, September 1, 1784.

Ordered, That Mr. *Manning* do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that the Bill, entitled, “ An Act for incorporating the Town of *New-Brunswick* ;” the Bill entitled, “ An Act for setting free *Peter Williams*, a Negro Man, late the Property of *John Heard* ;” the Bill, entitled, An Act to compel the Officers of this State, to pay forward the same Species of Monies and Obligations by them received in Trust for the State ;” and the Bill, entitled, “ An Act to prevent the further issuing Surplus Certificates by Township Collectors, and calling in the Books and Accounts of those already issued ;” are passed by this House without Amendment.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, “ An Act for the Relief of Persons holding public Securities, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,” was read and compared.

On the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows :

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.	N A Y S.
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Hoagland,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Dey,
Mr. Marth,	Col. Shreve,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Garretse,
Mr. Clark,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Schuurman,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Loyd,	Mr. Dickerson,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Norris,	Mr. Van-Campen,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Maxwell.	Mr. Ewing.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, “ An Act to amend and explain An Act, entitled, “ An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Payment of the same,” was read and compared.

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

Y E A S.	Y E A S.	Y E A S.	N A Y S.
Mr. Blanch,	Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Dey,
Mr. Marth,	Mr. Hoagland,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Garretse,
Mr. Clark,	Col. Shreve,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Randolph,
Mr. Combs,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Dickerson,	Mr. Loyd,
Mr. Schuurman,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Van-Campen,	Mr. Townsend,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Norris,	Mr. Hankinson,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Maxwell.	Mr. Ewing.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, “ An Act to legitimate *Samuel Marsh*, and to enable him to inherit as one of the legal Representatives of *Noah Marsh*, deceased,” was read and compared.

On the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

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Mr. Dey,	Mr. Shreve,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Clark,
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Mr. Combs,	Mr. Norris,	Mr. Van-Campen,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Randolph,	Mr. Townsend,	Mr. Hankinson.	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Bunn,	Mr. Lambert,		Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Tenbroeck,	Mr. Tucker,		Mr. Maxwell.
Mr. Hoagland,	Mr. Van-Cleve,		

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. *Blanch* do carry the said Bills to Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act for defraying fundry incidental Charges,” was read a second Time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Accounts reported Yesterday by Mr. *Tucker*, and agreed to the same as stated in Yesterday’s Minutes; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to the several Persons therein named, the Sums annexed to their respective Names.

Ordered, That Mr. *Marsh* do carry the said Report, and the above Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

The House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

T H U R S D A Y, September 2, 1784.

The House met.

Mr. *Blanch* reported, That he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The engrossed Bill, entitled, “ An Act for defraying fundry incidental Charges,” was read and compared.

Resolved unanimously, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Marsh* do carry the said Bill to the Council, and request their Concurrence.

Mr. *Marsh* reported that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, entitled, “ An Act to ascertain the Power and Authority of the Ordinary and his Surrogates, and to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Prerogative Court, and to establish an Orphan’s Court in the several Counties of the State,” was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

Whereas, an Entry appears in the Journals of this House of the 22d Day of December last as follows:

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“ The Petitions against the Commutation to the Army were read a second Time and considered, together with the Paper, marked No. 7, accompanying his Excellency’s Message, of the 11th of *November* past, and the House being of Opinion, that Congress had an undoubted Right to agree with the Officers of the Army as they have done; and also, being informed that Congress proposes to discharge Notes given to the Officers for their Commutation with the unappropriated Lands.” But in as much as the said Entry was made in a Hurry, when the House was thin, without the due Consideration, a Matter of that Nature required, it was moved by Mr. *Clark*, that the Sense of the House be now taken, whether the said Entry contains the Sentiments of the House as therein stated or not? And the Question being put, It was carried in the Negative unanimously.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Lawrence*.

Council Chamber, September 2, 1784:

Ordered, That Mr. *Lawrence* do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the Bill, entitled, “ An Act for the Relief of Persons holding public Securities, and for other Purposes therein mentioned ;” The Bill, entitled, “ An Act to legitimate *Samuel Marsh* and to enable him to inherit as one of the legal Representatives of *Noah Marsh*, deceased ;” the Bill, entitled, “ An Act to amend and explain an Act, entitled, An Act for ascertaining the Value of Debts due from the forfeited Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders, and for directing the Payment of the same ;” and the Bill, entitled, An Act for defraying fundry incidental Charges,” are passed by this House without Amendment; and that this House approve of the Report of the Committee on public Accounts, and concur in the Resolution accompanying the same.

Whereas, on the 23d Day of *May* 1783, a Petition from *Rebecca Clarkson*, and others was read, praying that certain Persons therein mentioned might be enabled to grant a Title for certain Lands, late the Property of *Robert Clarkson*, deceased, who died intestate, and that the House did order that the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of the said Petition, and that through unavoidable Accident, they have not been able to comply with said Order, therefore it is now ordered, that the said Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill the next Sitting, agreeably to; and with their complying with the Contents of the said Order, only that the advertising shall be in the *New-Jersey Journal*, instead of the *New Jersey Gazette*.

The House rose and closed the Session.

BY Virtue of an Order of the House of Assembly, I do hereby
appoint SHEPARD KOLLOCK, to print these VOTES.

EPHRAIM HARRIS, Speaker.

Ind of the 8th Assembly.

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